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THE ALABAMA CLAIMS QUESTION.

THE FEELING IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The excitement over the Alabama claims is unabated. Speeches in Parliament serve to keep the public mind agitated. There is anxiety as to the manner in which the Cabinet at Washington will receive the representations of the Government of Great Britain.

The Colorado received severe damages. Very little business for the moment is done. The market for American securities is dull, with a marked decline in all quotations since the opening hour. United States bonds of '62 opened at 87, and closed a fraction, but the others show a falling off from ¼ to ⅝ from the prices of last night. The market is generally inactive. In American railway shares there have been no transactions thus far of any consequence. The general uneasiness is also reflected in the quotations of consols, which have declined from ⅛ to ¼ since last evening.

The London press, although still moderate, finds fault with Gladstone for defending the treaty, and maintain that Parliament is unanimously in favor of rejecting American demands.

The *Times*, to-day, reviewing the debate in the House of Commons, says it is evident that the feeling is unanimous in repudiating the admissibility of the American claims for indirect losses. Gladstone's language is not likely to induce the Americans to withdraw their claims. The *Times* regards the verbal discussion over the matter as only preliminary.

The *Daily Telegraph* criticises the utterances of various journalists on the subject, and says Lothian Government, in the stand it took, represented the unanimous impulse of the country, but the speeches of Gladstone are indiscreet and will probably prove mischievous.

LONDON, Feb. 8—Private dispatches received on the panic in the London money market of a marked proportions than indicated in the meagre cables telegrams.

THE AMERICAN SIDE.

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BONDS.

Railroad bonds were generally lower. Central Pacific bonds closed at 102 to 102½, and Unions at 91 to 92 for first, 81½ to 83½ for land grants, and 87½ to 88 for seconds.

STOCKS.

The stock markets opened barely steady, and prices varied but little until after the First Board, when there was a sharp decline of 1@2½ per cent on the entire list. About 12 o'clock the decline was checked, and prices advanced from ½@1½ per cent. In the afternoon prices were steadier, while the market at the close was heavy and declining, and, with the exception of Pacific Mail and Western Union, prices were about the lowest of the day.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Foreign exchange was strong to-day for short-sight sterling at 109@109½, and steady for 60-day drafts, at 109@109½, closing at 109 and 109½.

GOVERNMENT BONDS

were weak at the First Board, but improved at noon ⅛ on 6ss, and 6ss, and ⅛ in old 5ss and 10-40s. The market was steady at the close. The German bankers were free sellers during the day, and home investors were buying.

GOLD.

The gold market has been somewhat excited and the sales large. The opening price was 110¾ after which there were sales at 110⅝, which were followed by a decline to 110¼. At the Government sale the entire amount bid for was $2,695,000. The lowest bid was 109¾, and the highest 110 and 100. One Wall street firm bid for the entire $1,000,000 advertised to be sold, the bid, however, not being in their own name. The rates paid for carrying gold were 6, 6½, and 7 per cent, but they afterward declined to 5 per cent. The last rate for gold was 110¾, caused by the report of a further decline in the London market for securities. Owing to the unsettled feeling which prevailed, a good many loans were called in, and the market has been active at from 7 per cent upward. The Government bond dealers have been abundantly supplied at 6 per cent. Prime business paper is a little dull, the nominal rates for endorsed being 7@8 per cent. The money market remained active until the afternoon, and loans were made as low as 4 per cent. The closing rates were 7 per cent.

BREADSTUFFS.

The flour market was firm, with a fair demand for export. The demand for wheat is limited, and but little doing, while holders are asking higher prices. The market is firm but quiet, and the orders, in part, for export. Corn is fairly active, but decidedly lower, being also wanted for export.

[To the Associated Press.]

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

At the Custom-House investigation this morning, Sergeant-at-Arms Christie testified that Carr, who was subpœnaed, had left town, and probably gone to New Orleans.

Assistant Weigher Campbell testified that he had no knowledge of any one getting guaranteed in his district. Witness occasionally accepted small presents of sugar.

Edward Wills, Assistant Weigher, testified: About four years ago I knew of a foreman making an entry of men's names on the pay-roll who never did any work.

Q. Did you ever divide your fees for extra services with any one?

A. [After some hesitation.] Yes. I used to give Parkhurst, when I was his foreman, two-thirds of the fees, and retain one-third.

Q. Does the same arrangement exist now?

A. It does.

A. Have you settled with him in his office for these fees?

A. Yes.

Q. Has this affair been kept secret until to-day?

A. It has.

Other testimony was given as to statements heretofore made before the Committee, but nothing of any interest was elicited.

W. F. Phillips, Appointment Clerk in the Custom House, was sworn. He was directed by Senator Howe to prepare a list of applications for appointments made and appointed now in office, recommended by New York Senators and the editor-in-chief of the New York *Tribune* under Collectors Grinnell, Murphy, and Chester A. Arthur.

A communication was received from W. B. Strange & Bro., complaining that the strong arm of the law was used to compel importers to pay 50 per cent duty on imported crape, although after a long litigation a case brought against the Collector resulted, in November last, in a decision by Judge Woodruff that 50 per cent was the duty.

At the evening session, Legrand B. Cameron testified that Mr. Mudgett informed him that General Porter, in connection with Colonel Lest in the General Order business. This Porter denied, but in another conversation Mudgett repeated the statement, and said Lest had cancelled checks from Bixby (a contractor) in his possession.

Mudgett was called and said he believed what he had stated was correct, and believed so still.

THE ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 8.—The Hudson River Unitarian Conference commenced its quarterly session this morning, Rev. Dr. Bellows made an address. The reports of the churches show an increase in membership, but the debts have been increased by subscriptions to aid Chicago.

DISCHARGED.

William and George Knight, arrested a few days since on their arrival from England, were to-day discharged on account of their crime, being embezzlement, not coming under the extradition treaty.

SMALL-POX.

There were nineteen cases of small-pox yesterday, and seven deaths.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

Four persons were badly injured in a horse-car, to-day, by the collision of a runaway team therewith. The car was considerably broken, and one of the runaway horses killed.

ACQUITTED.

The keepers of underground concert saloons, recently arrested, were all discharged to-day. The testimony was alleged to be insufficient to convict.

Jas. Siggart, Revenue officer, was acquitted to-day in Brooklyn, on a charge of assault, growing out of accidentally shooting a boy while endeavoring to arrest a criminal last October.

CITY PAYMENTS.

Comptroller Green disbursed $110,000 to-day for firemen, laborers, &c. The street cleaning bill for $134,000 was audited with a deduction of $15,000 for unperformed work.

THE DOCKS.

The Dock Commission desire $1,000,000 to continue work, or stop.

COMPLAINTS CONCERNING THE GRAND JURY.

The District Attorney's office complains that the several extensions of time of the Grand Jury has worked injury to that office by reason of the consequent stoppage of business. It is the opinion of Recorder Hackett and many eminent legal gentlemen that the indictments found by this jury against the ring are unconstitutional.

FATAL ACCIDENT.

At Hunter's Point, L. I., yesterday, three men were fatally burned by the explosion of an oil-tank, while they were making repairs in the furnace.

DEATH.

Lewis Kinsley, Deputy Naval Officer, died yesterday.

DIED OF STARVATION.

An Italian, aged 50 years, died of starvation here on Monday, he being unable to obtain aid from the authorities, to whom he had applied.

CRIME.

Henry W. Genet, who has already commenced a suit against Adams, one of the persons who gave information against him before the Grand Jury, threatens to sue others for the same reason.

THE INDICTED.

Seventeen of the twenty-three indictments submitted last Saturday still remain unserved.

ILLINOIS.

Meeting of the Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners—Reduction of Inspection Rates.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 8.—The Board of Railroad and Warehouse Commissioners have been in session during the week, and adjourned this evening to meet again March 5. Mr. Tompkins, of the Inspection Department, as well as some Warehousemen, were in attendance, the former submitting his monthly statement of the receipts and disbursements of his Department, and also a list of the unpaid bills for out inspection, payments for a part of which has been refused. Fuller reports upon this subject will be presented at the March meeting, when it is hoped that the policy of this Legislature, concerning these subjects now before them, will be finally determined upon, and final action may be commenced by the Board. The only matter relative to the receipts from inspection bills collected during the month of January to be $3,986.19, and cash on hand, Feb. 1, $11,452.35. On account of this surplus, which is the outgrowth, in a great degree, of an economical management of this department, the Commissioners are able and have promptly reduced the inspection fees about 20 per cent, to take effect as follows:

March 1—25 cents per car-load for in inspection, in lieu of 30 cents; 10 cents per 1,000 for out inspection to vessels, in lieu of 50 cents; and 10 cents per wagon load, or 20 cents per car-load for out inspection of grain in bulk.

The report of the Michigan Central Railroad Company, with satisfactory explanations of the delay of freight, was filed. As soon as the amendments to the Commissioners' act, now before the Legislature, are disposed of and an additional appropriation made, the Board will submit a long form of the questions required to be answered by the Railroad Companies in their report, that a good degree of uniformity and correctness may be obtained in the reports for the year ending June 30, 1872. Commissioner Morgan starts for New York on Monday.

Projected Railroad—Fashionable Wedding—Sale of a Large Farm—Treasury Statement.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 8.—Colonel A. T. Galbraith, Isaac Clements, Hon. J. A. Powell, and other prominent Southern Illinois gentlemen are in this city, arranging preliminaries for building a railroad from Terre Haute, Ind., to the Iron Mountain, Missouri, via Carbondale, Ill. This road, when built, will pass through seven of the eight of the best counties in Southern Illinois.

Miss Matilda Fletcher, of Iowa, has been granted the privilege of Representation Hall on Tuesday evening next, when she will deliver her lecture on political reform. Miss Fletcher delivered this lecture in Hall of Representation, Legislature a few months ago, by special invitation.

A fashionable wedding took place at the Second Presbyterian Church this morning, where Rev. F. P. Mills, M. D., of Charleston, and Miss Jessie V. Loose, of Springfield, daughter of J. G. Loose, Esq.

On yesterday, Colonel John Williams sold the McCoy farm, in this county, containing 830 acres, to James Learing, of Ohio, for $47,000 cash. The farm is the finest in the county.

The following statement shows the state of the Treasury receipts and expenditures during the month of January last:

RECEIPTS.	
Revenue fund	$ 1,722.35
State debt	3,061.75
School	3,061.75
Canal redemption	251,687.92
Illinois and Chicago Canal interest	1,250.00
Illinois Central Railroad	231,087.92
Total	$515,709.34
EXPENDITURES.	
Revenue fund	$179,208.49
State debt	382.45
School	150.00
Canal redemption	315,327.46
Illinois Central Railroad	254,687.92
Total	$749,793.37

Serious Illness of Rev. Peter Cartwright.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 8.—The celebrated old Methodist divine, Rev. Peter Cartwright, was stricken down with paralysis on Monday last, at his home in Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, and is now speechless and helpless. The attending physicians say his death may occur any moment. This venerable man is 87 years old, and has been in the ministry 68 years. His relatives here have been summoned to his bedside.

LOUISIANA.

The Congressional Investigation at New Orleans—Positive Testimony as to Several Cases of Bribery.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—The Congressional Committee had before them to-day United States District Attorney Beckwith, who was questioned relative to the manner and purpose of processes served on Governor Warmoth and his friends on the 4th and 5th of January. It was evident from his testimony that the principal object of their arrest was the strategetic advantages to be gained in the legislative fight, by weakening, more or less, the Warmoth party, and antagonizing them with the United States Government.

Captain Sinnott and Captain Rost testified very clearly to the bribery in the Legislature, the latter having delivered money to Campbell, Carr, and other members as a consideration for votes and influence. Signed receipts for having been connected with Casey and Herwig, his chief Deputy, in the handling of a large corruption fund. Casey and Herwig had $115,000 each, and Rost $15,000. He stood to be for the purchase of eighteen Senators. All of these were, unquestionably, credible witnesses.

The Committee will finish their labors on Saturday, and leave that evening for Washington, *via* Louisville.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

Terrible Suffering on the Prairies of Iowa—Eight Men and 500 to 600 Horses and Cattle Perish from Cold.

SIOUX CITY, Iowa, Feb. 8.—M. Wilcox, who had rescued from Plymouth County, Iowa, says that three homesteaders, living in that county, started with a team for the "Green Kettle" for wood. They were overtaken by the storm on the memorable Saturday morning, when two of the men dug their way into a straw-stack, and remained there, while the other man proceeded on his way with the team. The men in the snow-drift remained there a day and a half before they dared to venture out, but suffered no material injury by their long imprisonment. The man who kept on his way, together with his horses, was found, a day or two since, frozen to death near Sittin's, some fifteen miles above this city. As far as is known positively, eight persons were frozen to death during this storm, within a radius of fifteen miles above here. The loss in stock within the same limits has been immense, and will probably reach from 500 to 600 head of horses and cattle.

OHIO.

National Inventors' Association—Liberal Offer Made to the Cincinnati Observatory—A Missing Bookkeeper.

CLEVELAND, Feb. 8.—The National Inventors' Association opened its second annual exhibition to-day, after a week's session. The Board of Directors decided to hold the next annual exhibition in this city.

CINCINNATI, O., Feb. 8.—The necessity of a change of location of the Cincinnati Observatory, owing to the encroachments of years, and of late the matter has received fresh agitation in offers of ground and money from various parties proposing to remove it. To-day John Kilgour made a formal offer of four acres of land and $10,000 in the event of the removal to the Highlands, as a site for the instrument.

A discrepancy of the amount, it is said, of over $12,000, has been discovered in the books kept by Christian Hageman, clerk for Adae & Co. and Christian Hageman, the bookkeeper, is missing. When Hageman discovered that he was suspected, he left the office, and has not since been seen here. Officers have been searching for him for nearly a week. His property, real and personal, was attached, to-day, and is supposed to be sufficient to pay the claims.

Railroad Smashup.

MATTOON, Ill., Feb. 8.—The south-ward-bound express train on the Illinois Central Railroad, leaving Chicago at 9 o'clock last evening and due at Mattoon at 1:48 this morning, met with a serious accident, caused by a broken rail. About one mile north of Mattoon, the baggage-car jumped the track of an embankment about 300 feet over the company's right-of-way fence, and turned clear around. The baggage-master, fortunately, was sitting with his back to the direction of the accident, was at the time, and says he was "a lucky dog." The St. Louis ladies' car was broken under the axles, but not in the pieces. The largest portion of the through mails are reported burnt. The number of persons killed or injured is not known on its passage was defeated, owing to fears of Senators that the entire proceeding was irregular, and the Committee on Rules will have to consider any of its actions. The point raised by Mr. McNulta would, upon a little reflection, be overruled in respect to one of the Southern Districts.

Regular Report of Proceedings.

SENATE.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 8, 1872.

Met at 10 o'clock.

ABSENTEES.

Allen, Bishop, Bowman, Boyd, Jackson, Little, all of whom have indefinite leave on account of sickness.

PENITENTIARY DEBTS.

Senate bill 660, appropriating $175,000 to pay the debts of the Penitentiary, was read a second time.

Mr. CRAWFORD called attention to the fact that that interest at 6 per cent was allowed when the debts of the Soldier's Orphan Asylum were paid, with 50 per cent added, and was of opinion that the rate should be uniform.

Mr. DOKE offered an amendment, making the rate of interest 10 per cent.

Mr. STARNE objected to the whole matter of interest. He said the State had made ample provision for carrying on all State institutions, and that these debts were created without the knowledge of the State, and the debts were contracted outside of the law. He was willing to pay the debts, but was against the payment of any interest whatever.

Mr. WASHBURN said that, in some cases, goods had been furnished at an advance upon the market rates, and that parties doing so, claimed 10 per cent, while others, not so sharp or keen in trading, furnished goods on a cash basis, and were content with 6 per cent. The Warden of the Penitentiary, in restricting for 10 per cent, exceeded his powers. The Legislature is prohibited from paying over 6 per cent, in the absence of a special contract. In answer to a question from Mr. Fuller, he said that in nearly all cases contracts for 10 per cent were made after the delivery of the goods, and then for payment had expired. He was in doubt as to whether the Warden could not contract for any rate of interest.

Mr. FULLER said that, as he understood the matter, the State had, through its agents, purchased goods, and that it was not in the habit of paying interest only under special agreement, and then it could not in equity be required to pay more than 6 per cent, which was the legal rate of damages. If the Warden is authorized to contract for interest, then the State is bound for the full amount of the contract. The authority to contract for more than 6 per cent must be very clear, otherwise the State is not bound for more than that amount. It was a wrong policy for the State to pay more than 6 per cent. It could get all the money it wanted at that rate. He took it for granted that the State was bound for 6 per cent only; otherwise the Committee would have reported a larger amount in bill.

Mr. CRAWFORD read from the report of the Committee on the Penitentiary the views of the Committee on the subject of interest. He said there was no law authorizing the Warden to contract for the payment of interest. He said the Committee had made no recommendation in the matter, leaving the General Assembly to settle the matter. It was difficult to make discrimination as regards the claims. He was of opinion that there was no law prohibiting the payment of 10 per cent. Some of these claims had been running for years, commencing in that respect the firm of Hall, Kimbark & Co.

Mr. JEWETT said that the Commissioners were agents of the State, charged with the duty of the management of the Penitentiary, and in that capacity made contracts. It was too late now to say they were agents if the management was successful, and, in the event of the reverse, they were not agents. It would be a ridiculous matter for the State to say that it was precluded from payment of losses upon business transacted by and by its agents. If, in the discretion of the Commissioners, as financial agents of the State, they had allowed 10 per cent interest, it was a question for the State to pay a less sum. It might be difficult to see why the State should pay 10 per cent in one case and 6 in another. This could be explained. In one case a contract had been made for 10 per cent; in others it was left to be determined by application of the legal rate.

Mr. WASHBURN did not concur with the idea advanced by Mr. Jewett regarding repudiation, and objected to the application of the legal rate, but put in which can prevent his receiving interest he pleases. The power to designate the banks in which the State funds shall be kept, rests in the County Board, nor can he be compelled to require from banks interest on deposits. If he can not be compelled to, he will probably not. He cannot be compelled to. Nearly all day was taken up with this bill, and yet is not done with. Good faith must be kept with the State. There is hardly a clause to which an amendment has not been or will not be offered, and none of them can be discussed. The roll is called, in order that gentlemen may make their record good. There is much opposition to the bill in its present form. Without the selection of some of its objectionable features, it must fail. In Cook County, if a man is brought before a Justice of the Peace, he must pay $1.10 before he can get into Court to defend. If he has not money, it goes ill with his case. In no other county in the State is there any such fee bill. Some plan in order to get an opportunity to defend himself. There is a fatal lack of uniformity in this respect.

The allowances of Cook County officers got wonderfully out down, all the clerks and the Recorder being reduced from $4,000 to $2,000, and the House adjourned when one side was trying to reduce the Treasurer to $3,000, and another to put him up to $5,500.

PENITENTIARY DEBTS.

The Senate ordered to a third reading the bill to appropriate for the payment of Penitentiary creditors.

Mr. KRAY offered a substitute for the entire report, changing about half the districts.

Mr. Price also presented an apportionment different in many respects from any other.

After another long talk the Fourth District was adopted.

Adjourned till to-morrow night.

CITY INCORPORATION BILL.

The Committee on Municipal Affairs decided, last night, to strike out of the City Incorporation bill everything in reference to Chicago, or, rather, to make it apply only to cities having less than one hundred thousand people. Since it is plain the bill is not solely devoted to cities having over that number, it appears that the Committee are of the opinion that the Legislature of the City of Chicago is well enough as it is.

COOK COUNTY LOBBYISTS.

The Committee of the Cook County Board of Commissioners are now here to get through the Legislature allowing the county to issue bonds, the Revenue bill, the Reassessment bill, and such other measures as they may think may be demanded by the interests of the county, have arrived here, and have entered upon the discharge of their severe and important duties. If they remain here a couple of months longer, they will be entitled to one more Cook County bill passed with emergency clauses attached.

COOK COUNTY REASSESSMENT BILL.

The Senate bill for the reassessment of property in Cook County, introduced to-day by Mr. Jewett, is the same as the old bill, and is therefore, of course, objectionable. It will pass the Senate as an emergency bill with its present vile framework, and provisions whose constitutionality is very doubtful.

THE LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT BILL

will probably be reached to-morrow in the Senate, and it is thought possible that it may be

Mr. KERR raised a point that the roll-call was out of order. Not sustained.

Mr. FLAGG stated that the bill was good, but in its present shape was forced to vote no.

Mr. JEWETT, for the same reasons, voted no.

Mr. KERR could not vote either way. He wanted to be excused. Objected to, but withdrawn.

Mr. FULLER asked and obtained leave to change his vote to no. The bill was lost—ayes, 24; noes, 26.

Mr. CRAWFORD moved to reconsider on the ground that the bill was entirely irregular, and desired to settle the matter at once. Upon solicitation he allowed the motion to lie over.

Mr. JEWETT introduced a bill of the same text and title.

APPROPRIATION BILL.

Mr. PIERCE introduced a bill to provide for an additional water supply at the Hospital for the Insane at Jacksonville.

BILLS PASSED.

House bill 248, in regard to Garnishment was passed.

Senate bill 248, for an act in regard to Garnishment was passed. Yeas, 34; nays, 0.

Adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

FEES AND SALARIES.

The consideration of the Fees and Salaries bill was begun in the House, the question being on the various amendments reported by the Committee of the Whole.

The amendment giving the States' Attorney so for each trial in a Court of Record where the crime is not punishable by death or confinement in the Penitentiary was voted down.

Mr. RICE, of Sangamon, moved to so amend as to give the States' Attorney $15 in cases where the crime was punished with death or confinement in the Penitentiary, and $5 on all other convictions, until it was adopted.

The other amendments of the Committee were generally adopted.

Mr. BRAYTON opposed the amendment giving the Treasurer of Cook County $6,000.

Mr. BURLEY thought it as little as could be given.

Mr. BRAYTON was satisfied that they could get a hundred good responsible men to take the place for $4,000.

Mr. EGAN favored the amendment, thinking the Treasurer could not do all the risks incident to the office for that salary.

Mr. HUMPHREY believed in the smaller sum, and did not think Cook County wanted more.

The amendment was not adopted—yeas, 61; nays, 55.

The Cook County members voted as follows:

YEAS—Burley, Derrieson, Dixon, Fasher, Egan, Galloway, King, Morrison, Phelps, Reed, Senne, Vecke, Waite, Williamson, Austin.

NAYS—Bradley, Bradwell, Brown, Hall, Hoyne.

Mr. CAVAN moved to reconsider the vote.

Mr. LATIMER moved to lay it on the table.

It was agreed to—yeas, 69; nays, 58.

The amendment to give Town Clerk, Supervisor, Overseers of Poor, and Commissioners of Highways $2.50 per day, when in attendance to town business out of town, and to give them $2.00 instead of $1.00 when engaged on town business, was adopted by a vote of 71 to 13.

The next amendment was to give Supervisors $2.50 a day while attending meetings and mileage. It was adopted.

The next amendment was to give witnesses attending in his own County, upon trials in Courts of Record, $2 a day, instead of $1.

Mr. CASEY (Jefferson) objected to it as being ruinous to persons who went to law, and so deterrent to persons who were to Courts, unless the amount concerned was a large one.

Messrs. MERRITT, FREW, BARR, and others opposed the amendment, and CUMMINGS supported it.

It was lost—yeas, 51; nays, 70.

Mr. DIXON offered a resolution that there was no longer any necessity for the Calumet dam, and that the Governor be requested to forward a copy of the resolution to the Governor of Indiana.

It was referred to the Canal Committee.

Mr. SULLIVAN offered a joint resolution requesting Senators and Representatives to vote against any increase of tariff on lumber, iron, and other articles for rebuilding burned districts of Chicago.

Mr. PIERCE moved to strike out the words burnt district. Mr. SULLIVAN explained that the resolution was the same as the one which had passed the Senate, and was now stuck in a committee of the House. His request was not carried—yeas, 62; nays, 56. The resolution was adopted.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

LIFE INSURANCE.

In the afternoon the Life Insurance bill was reported back from the Committee with amendments.

THE TEMPERANCE LAW.

Mr. MERRITT offered a bill to repeal the Temperance law, and for submitting it to the popular vote at the November election.

BILLS REPORTED.

The Special Committee on the bill relating to roads and counties not under township organization, reported it back with amendments, which were concurred in, and the bill ordered to be engrossed for third reading.

The Penitentiary Committee reported back the bill to provide for the deficiencies of former appropriations for the Penitentiary, with amendments. The subject was referred to Committee of the Whole.

The Committee on Appropriations reported back the bill to provide a contingent fund for the Governor, and recommended its passage.

The same Committee reported back the bill to pay Carter and other architects who made an examination of the State House with an amendment to pay them out of the appropriation made for the State House. Referred to Committee of the Whole.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. CASEY (Jefferson) offered a resolution pledging the support of the State of Illinois to the General Government in case of war with England. The rules were not suspended to introduce it.

FEES AND SALARIES.

The consideration of the Fees and Salaries bill was resumed.

Mr. PHILLIPS moved to give the Attorney General $2,000 instead of $5,000. Laid on the table.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM moved to give the Adjutant General $1,500 instead of $1,200.

Mr. CASEY (Jefferson) moved to give Circuit Judges $3,000 instead of $5,500. It was lost—yeas, 49; nays, 68.

Mr. SANFORD offered an amendment providing that Judges of inferior City Courts should be paid by the city and not by the county. The amendment was adopted.

Mr. DWIGHT moved to give State's Attorneys $250 instead of $200.

Mr. SANFORD offered an amendment that the fees of State's Attorneys, for convictions, be taxed as cost against defendants, and only to be received by the State's Attorney in those cases in which they can be collected. The amendment was lost.

Mr. McNULTA offered a substitute to some of the fees of Circuit Courts, making them all lower than in the bill.

A motion to table the substitute was carried—yeas, 85; nays, 29.

Mr. DWIGHT offered a substitute for the fees of Clerks of County Courts, reducing them. Tabled—yeas, 70; nays, 28.

Mr. BARR offered an amendment to increase the fees of printers for advertising delinquent lands. Adopted.

Mr. LANDRUM moved that in the first and second class counties, County Boards fix the pay of County Superintendents. Adopted.

Mr. FULLER moved to cut down the commission of Clerks of County Courts in first and second class counties to one per cent on moneys received and paid out. Adopted.

Mr. LANDRUM's amendment was reconsidered and defeated.

Mr. BRAYTON moved to cut down the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County to $5,000. Carried. The Clerk of the Circuit Court was also cut down to the same sum, as was the Clerk of the Superior Court. Recorder of Deeds was cut down to $3,000; Clerk of Criminal Court to $3,000, and Coroner to $2,000.

Mr. BARR moved to give the County Treasurer $5,000.

Mr. HUMPHREY moved to make it $3,000.

Ad ourned.

WISCONSIN

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 8.—The Senate session was very brief and unimportant. Legislative Manuscript was voted to each of the Senate and Assembly Reporters.

A resolution was adopted requiring the Secretary of State to furnish County Clerks Taylor's Compilation of Statutes, and the same be transferred in the view of furnishing copies to some other officers.

A bill was introduced repealing Chapter 125, General Laws of 1865, providing for the visitation of the State Prison and reformatory institutions of the State by a Legislative Committee.

Several unimportant bills were concurred in, in the Assembly. Numerous petitions for, and remonstrances against, temperance legislation were presented, but no formal legislation for the protection of policy-holders.

Resolutions were offered directing the Governor to take such action as may seem best to expend $5,000, as will, in his judgment, lead to the most efficient co-operation with other States and favorable action by Congress toward the opening of a reliable water channel between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan, via Fox and Wisconsin Rivers; instructing the Committee on Judiciary to inquire, first, into the expediency of a Constitutional Convention; second, of re-printing the Revised Statutes and session laws; third, the adoption of Taylor's Compilation of Statutes; fourth, on the revision of statutes.

Most of the forenoon was occupied in discussing Mr. Moxon's amendment to the Constitution providing for minority representation, and finally defeating the amendment by a substitute by Mr. Corey, for election of members for the Assembly by the counties of Dane, Rock, and thirty-two districts for four years from eight districts. Senators for four years from eight districts. Carswell, Winkler, Bushnell, and Horn opposed any change, and Mr. Corey opposed

bi-annual sessions. There did not seem to be very general disposition to support either amendment, and some members who had tired of the task out it short without action some time after the expiration of the morning hour by calling for other business. Bills were introduced to amend section 4, Chapter 126, Laws of 1843, so as to provide for the redemption of land sold under foreclosure by parties having a subsequent lien; to amend Chapter 46, of Religious Societies, so as to allow Episcopal parishes to convey real estate to trustees of funds and properties of Church; to provide for a geological survey of the Superior copper and lead region; also a memorial to Congress for a harbor at the mouth of the Menomonee, on the line between Wisconsin and Michigan.

Senate resolutions were concurred in instructing the State Board of Charities to ascertain the number of foreign-born citizens in the County Jails and Poor-Houses, and whether they had been in similar institutions in their own countries; for printing 5,000 copies of Geological Reports for Taylor's Compilations by members.

OHIO.

COLUMBUS, Feb. 8.—In the Senate, to-day, after a very protracted discussion, the House bill providing that persons who read newspaper reports of criminal examinations shall be competent to serve as jurors was passed.

In the House, to-day, a bill was introduced by Mr. Fallis, of Cincinnati, to repeal the Cincinnati Southern Railroad act, and authorizing the city to give a bonus not to exceed $3,000,000, to any persons who will build said road.

A proclamation was issued by the Governor to-day for a special election, to be held on the first Tuesday in March, in Noble County, to elect a Representative.

A bill was introduced in the House to fix the rates of taxation in Ohio for all except school purposes. This bill proposes to reduce the tax about 25 per cent.

KANSAS.

TOPEKA, Feb. 8.—The last bill disposed to expedite the Senatorial investigating committee in its examination of bribery matters, has been found.

Sidney Clarke was recalled before the Wood investigating committee of the Senate to-day, and sworn. He knew nothing of the proposition that Mr. King alleged to have made to Senator Wood, by which the latter was to receive $5,000 or a mail agency.

MISSOURI.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 8.—An intimation comes from Jefferson City that a resolution will be introduced into that State Senate instructing the Attorney General to commence legal proceedings against the Fund Commissioners for the gold with which the State bonds were paid last month.

NEW YORK.

ALBANY, Feb. 9.—The Senate resolution rescinding the action of the Legislature of 1871 in withdrawing the ratification of the fifteenth Amendment, passed the Assembly this evening by a vote of 71 to 13.

NEW JERSEY.

TRENTON, Feb. 8.—In the Legislature, to-day, an Investigating Committee was appointed to examine the printing frauds.

IOWA.

Death of Hon. James W. Grimes, of Iowa.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Feb. 8.—Ex-Senator Grimes died at his residence in this city, at half-past 8 o'clock this morning, of paralysis of the brain. The first attack came on about two weeks ago, while he was on the street, and consisted of a sharp pain in the head, followed by severe nervous prostration. On Tuesday of this week he had three attacks of a light character, in close succession, and on Wednesday, at 4 o'clock, while conversing with some friends at his home, he was again taken in the same way. This was soon followed by a fourth attack, from which the latter proving fatal, at the time above stated.

Since his return home from Europe, he has been in apparent good health, though he complained occasionally of paralytic symptoms, similar to those with which he was prostrated in Washington from the floor of the House. His last fatal case first made its appearance two weeks ago, since. Senator Grimes' father died of the same disease.

Olicott, the Suspected Murderer, Makes a Statement.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 8.—Olicott, the printer, who is suspected of the murder of Fritz v. Harig, at Davenport, two years ago, is at work in this city, and says he is willing to meet any investigation in the matter, and can prove by several witnesses that all suspicions against him are without foundation; that on the night previous to the murder he did not leave the office till an hour after the murder is said to have been committed, and that a fellow-compositor went home with him; that both went into the house together, and did not leave it till late next morning.

War Department Weather Prophecies.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The low barometer of the south Atlantic coast will probably move northeastward on Friday along the gulf stream. Northeast winds and rain will probably continue on the immediate coast from North Carolina to eastern Virginia. Northerly winds and clearing weather will prevail from Texas to Kansas. The low barometer in the Missouri valley will extend eastward with southerly winds, and probably rain. An area of northerly winds and clear weather with light winds will probably extend from the lower lakes northeastward over the St. Lawrence valley. Dangerous winds not anticipated to-night.

New Orleans Market.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 8.—BREADSTUFFS—Corn dull; white, 56c; yellow, 57c. Wheat dull and lower; Ohio River, 84c; choice Galena, 90c.

PROVISIONS—Pork quiet at $15.75. Bacon dull at 7@7½@8c.

LARD—Nominal.

HOG PRODUCTS unchanged.

MONETARY—Sterling, 10½; sight, ¼ discount. Gold, 111¾.

EXCHANGE—Easier; sales 8,000 bales; good ordinary, 21c; low middling, 21½c; middling, 22½c; receipts, 3,683 bales; exports, Antwerp, 1,276 bales; coastwise, 5,456 bales; stock, 220,676 bales.

Baltimore Live Stock Market.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 8.—Cattle market very dull, and declined ½c on tops and ¼c on common grades. Sales, 1,000 at 3@5½c. Few superior sold. Market operating with success in over 10,000 families, with wants almost entirely supplied.

RANGE, La Crosse Co., Wis., Jan. 8, 1872.

My daughter has knitted over 1,500 pairs of socks on the Lamb Knitting Machine, and has made $1,000 in selling them. We have had it two years and like it much better than any one we have ever had. Can recommend it to any one.

The Lamb Knitter has become the standard machine. Call and examine or send for circular and sample sheet.

BULBERT & WOODHEAD, General Agents,
73 South Clinton-st., Chicago.

STATE LEGISLATURES.

Yester

THE FIRE LIMITS AGAIN.

Report of the Regular and Special Committees of the Common Council.

Full Text of the Fire Ordinance as They Will Recommend It.

Radical Changes in Many Important Respects.

Alterations in Boundaries, Details of Construction, etc.

Following is the report of the Committee on Fire and Water and Special Committee on the Fire Ordinance, to be presented to the Common Council on Monday evening:

Your Committee on Fire and Water, and Special Committee, to whom was referred the pending Fire Ordinance, together with the accompanying amendments, petitions, and remonstrances on file, have met and to report by printed bill, having had the same under their careful consideration, and have carefully complied with their instructions, and, herewith report the ordinance, as amended by them, and recommend its passage as amended.

J. W. MCGINNIS,
E. H. SUTTON,
E. W. STOUT,
H. WITBECK,
A. ROSS,
WM. HEATH,
J. VOOKAN,
J. LONGACHER,
H. M. THORPE,
M. SCHENCK,
} Committee on Fire and Water.

} Special Committee.

THE ORDINANCE.

The full text of the ordinance decided upon by the committee, is as follows:

SECTION 1. That the fire limits of the city of Chicago shall begin at the water line of the shore of Lake Michigan at the southeast corner of Twenty-ninth street, thence running west on the centre line of said street to the west line of the lots fronting east on State street; thence south on the west line of said lots to the south line of the lots fronting north on Twenty-sixth street; thence west along the south line of the said lots to the centre of the Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne & Chicago Railroad tracks; thence north on the centre line of said tracks to the south line of Twenty-second street; thence west along said centre line to the south line of said street; thence west along the south line of said lots to the west line of the lots fronting east on South Jefferson street; thence south along the west line of said lots to the centre line of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy and the Chicago & Northwestern Railway tracks; thence west along said centre line to the west line of the lots fronting east of Throop street; thence north along the west line of said lots to the south line of the lots fronting north on Twelfth street; thence west along the south line of said lots to the west line of the lots fronting east on Ashland avenue (Reuben street); thence north along the west line of said lots to the south line of the lots fronting north on Thirteenth street; thence west along the south line of said lots to the centre of the South Fork of the South Branch of the Chicago River; thence northwesterly along the centre of said South Fork to the west line of Lincoln avenue; thence northwesterly along the west line of Lincoln avenue to the centre of Fullerton avenue; thence east along the centre line of said avenue to Lake Michigan; thence southerly, bounded by Lake Michigan, to the place of beginning. The limits of the fire district shall be as laid down and held to be the lines of said lots, as shown by the recorded plat or plats thereof.

SEC. 2. No building shall hereafter be erected within said fire limits unless a permit for the erection thereof shall have been first obtained from the Board of Public Works of said city; *Provided*, however, that the fee for issuing such permit shall not exceed fifty cents.

SEC. 3. That the erection of wooden buildings upon any block or square not included within the fire limits hereby established, and the repairing of any such block included within the fire limits; *Provided* all applications to the Board of Public Works for the erection of such buildings shall be signed by a majority of the street frontage in the block; such applications to be accompanied by a plat of the block, designating the property of each owner by the name, if ascertainable; and the Board of Public Works upon being satisfied of the truth of the statements of the owners of the greater portion of the street frontage of such block, and that such plat is correct; they shall report the same to the Common Council, and if they report in favor of including such block within the fire limits, the Council shall pass an ordinance to that effect, and thereafter the placing or erection thereafter of any wooden building or structure thereon except as provided in this ordinance, shall be subject to the provisions of this ordinance to any such block or blocks.

SEC. 4. No building or structure of any kind or description shall be erected or placed within the said fire limits as defined in Section 1 of this ordinance, unless the outside and partition walls thereof shall be constructed of brick, stone, iron or other incombustible material, and all buildings hereafter erected shall have outside walls of not less than one foot in thickness; and if any building shall hereafter be erected with a basement, the outside walls of the basement and first story shall be not less than sixteen inches in thickness, and if such building is more than one story high, the walls of the second story shall not be less than twelve inches in thickness, and with the exceptions of the walls of buildings used for the storage of grain, vault or furnace in which all shavings, sawdust, chips, or other light combustible refuse may be deposited and burned without endangering the works in which it is made, or the surrounding property; and all such refuse shall be promptly removed from the works and premises after burning the same or drawing it away, and shall not be allowed to accumulate, either in the works or on the premises adjoining the same, or in any vault, where the same may burn without much harm or danger to any other property. And if the above specified conditions are not complied with, the chief engineer of the fire department thereof, or in an other manner as the laws of the State now provide, is hereby authorized to cause the same to be removed, or to abate the nuisance in such manner as he may deem proper. And the Board of Public Works is hereby prohibited within the above described fire limits.

SEC. 5. No wooden building, or part of building, shall be moved into the fire limits hereby established by this ordinance shall be raised, enlarged, or repaired, except as herein provided; but any wooden building now standing within the fire limits may be moved from one part of a lot to another lot within the fire-limits, provided said building shall be determined to be worth more than one hundred dollars, and it shall be that of a new building of like character; the Mayor and Board of Public Works to determine the value of said building; *Provided further*, that the Board of Public Works shall cause an advertisement to be inserted in the corporation newspaper for ten days of the pendency of any application by the Board for such permit, the present location of the building to be moved, and the lot upon which it is proposed to move the same, and in each case give the name and number of the street, if posted; and all remonstrances against the granting of such permit must be filed with the Board of Public Works before the expiration of said ten days; and after said hearing the Mayor and said Board shall have the power to grant such permits. The parties applying for permits shall pay the cost of the advertisement upon application for the same; but no wooden building shall be removed from without said fire limits to within said fire limits, nor from within said fire limits to without said fire limits, which may be damaged less than 60 per cent of the value, if not repaired so as to be raised higher than the highest point left standing after such damage shall have occurred, nor so as to occupy a greater space than before the injury thereto; *Provided*, That the owners or occupants of buildings in the fire limits shall have the right to put wooden buildings to the established grades, and also to build basements or cellars, of brick or stone, under the buildings so raised to grade.

SEC. 6. That Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 7 of the chapter hereby amended, and all ordinances, and parts of ordinances, inconsistent with this ordinance, be, and the same are hereby, repealed, and that the fines and penalties of Section 9 of said chapter shall be extended to and apply to all violations of the provisions of this ordinance.

SEC. 7. It shall be the duty of the Mayor, Board of Public Works, and Board of Police Commissioners to enforce the provisions of this ordinance, and of the chapter hereby amended.

SEC. 8. This ordinance shall be in force from and after its passage and due publication.

THE SCHNABERS TRAGEDY.

Interesting Evidence Brought Out at the Coroner's Inquest.

Albert Kolas Held to Await the Action of the Grand Jury.

Coroner Stephens held an inquest at the County Hospital, yesterday, on the remains of Albert Schnaberg, supposed to have been murdered. The following testimony was elicited:

Dr. McCarthy, being duly sworn, testified: I am County Physician; I held a *post mortem* examination on the body of Albert Schnaberg; found a fracture of the frontal bone of the head, causing a rupture of the middle meningal artery; death was undoubtedly produced by the wound. The injuries were inflicted by some blunt instrument.

Sergeant O'Donnell, of the Twelfth Street Station, testified as follows: At about 11 o'clock on Friday night a man came to the station and told me that a man was lying near the corner of DeKoven and Desplaines streets; he was supposed to be in a dying condition; summoned a couple of officers, and found the man now lying dead in the hospital on the sidewalk as described by the messenger. I asked the latter how he came to find out that the man was in that condition; he explained that he had heard a crash, as if some one was falling against the fence, and he saw a man running across the street. Upon going to the injured man he was called in Dr. Root. That gentleman ordered the patient to be conveyed to the County Hospital. The deceased, when asked about the occurrence, kept repeating the name of "Albert."

Thomas Purcell was sworn, and stated the following: I live on the north side at No. 276 Fifth avenue. Friday evening last at about 11 o'clock, I was sitting in my house, when I heard a footstep on the sidewalk; looked out of the window and saw a man lying on the sidewalk with his head close to the gate. I lit a match and examined his features. His face was covered with blood. I left the man on the sidewalk and started for the Twelfth Street Police Station. It was about six blocks distant. A man and woman were then summoned and the three of us went for the police. They did not stay long. The man that I saw walking off wore a cap and a light overcoat. Could not say whether he had an overcoat. (The prisoner, Albert Kolas, was here shown to the witness.) The prisoner was similar in appearance to the man I saw walking off that night. It was impossible for a person to pass while the man was lying on the side walk, as it was narrow, without observing him. The man that was standing on the sidewalk walked south on Desplaines street toward Twelfth street. I heard no weapon on the sidewalk. I was startled to me at first as if there was only one person. I heard the gate rattle, as if somebody fell against it. Two or three minutes passed after the crash before I looked out.

James Bostin sworn: I reside at No. 277 DeKoven street; I am proprietor of the saloon at that number; I was acquainted with the deceased; I saw him last alive on Friday night last, at about half past 9 o'clock; he left my saloon; deceased was playing cards and drinking beer at that time. The prisoner and another man, whose name is unknown to me, were in company with Schnaberg. There was no trouble and they seemed to be friendly. They stopped playing cards about 8 o'clock.

Soon after between the prisoner and deceased; both parties seemed bent on having their company to themselves. I don't know what caused them. The prisoner and Schnaberg sat down at a table again and the stranger man left the saloon. From the time I remained on duty I did not see and called for drinks. It was deceased that asked Kolas to drink with him. Schnaberg had the money with him and I noticed that he had a good deal. Deceased then struck Kolas in the face, and caused some blood to flow. It was from the nose or mouth. While Kolas was wiping it deceased gave him his pocket-handkerchief, and they settled the trouble. I then told Schnaberg to go home, and he started out. I kept Kolas back, because he owed me 25 cents for some drinks. Kolas then started out and I let him go, and, finally, Kolas gave me a dollar bill and I returned him the change. The prisoner then left the saloon. I put out the lights and left the saloon. This was before 10 o'clock. Then I went into a room in the rear of the bar-room and had a nap. He (the deceased) was not there when a noise in the street. I started out in company with my wife. When I got to the front door I saw a man lying on the sidewalk; on Desplaines, near DeKoven street. It was near the southwest corner. Four or five persons and some one was attending to the man who was lying on the sidewalk. Some of them were calling for a light to find out what the matter was. Myself and others then insisted that they go home, and home I went. Got to bed soon after. Did not then quite 11 o'clock. Did not look at the time. Heard a noise; was calling in the light, and would not know him if I were to see him again. I did not see the face of the man that I saw lying on the sidewalk. I was dark. Do not know whether it was Schnaberg. I did not see either him or the prisoner after they left the saloon. Kolas left about 10 minutes after Schnaberg left, and in about ten minutes afterward the noise was heard. Kolas was dressed much as the man might in a light overcoat. I cannot state what deceased wore at that time. The stranger who was playing cards with Kolas and deceased I cannot name him at present. He is a man about five feet six inches in height, red rail and moustache; is a Bohemian. I asked Kolas his name, and he told me it was Trocska. (This is the man whose name is Kolas; he gave me the wrong name). I first found out that Schnaberg was dead on Monday afternoon. My brother-in-law, Joseph Steiner, told me about it. I don't remember what the strange man wore.

Officer Joseph Joska sworn: I reside at No. 490 South Canal street. On Friday night last, at about 11 o'clock, I was travelling my beat near the Twelfth Street Station. I stopped in and found Albert Schnaberg, now deceased, lying in the office. He was cut in several places about the head. The wounded man told me his name and that was "John." I asked him who hit him and he said it was "Albert." I asked him where he lived and he said he lived at No. 276 Fifth avenue. He was hardly able to speak, and I had no further conversation with him. I was, on Tuesday, April 16 last, the prisoner, Kolas', neighbor at No. 144 Catharine street, but not knowing his name at the time, as he had given the name of Joseph. I had no difficulty in finding him. When I came to the house I found that the man was arrested. I asked the prisoner's wife at what time her husband came home on Friday night. She told me it was about 11 o'clock. I found an old knife on the premises which appeared to have blood upon it, and brought it with me. (The knife was produced).

This terminated the evidence. The jury brought in a verdict according to the facts in the case, and recommended that Albert Kolas be held to await the action of the Grand Jury. The Coroner committed the prisoner to the County Jail.

OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The Commissioners Propose to Keep an Eye on Rewards Paid to Firemen—A Coal Bill Pronounced Exorbitant, and Payment Refused.

The usual semi-weekly meeting of the Board of Police and Fire Commissioners was held, yesterday afternoon, in the City Hall. President Talcott occupied the chair, all the members being in attendance.

William H. Birt, having successfully passed through his duty ordeal of sixty days, was appointed a regular fireman.

The following orders were passed:

Ordered, That the several engineers and stokers in the Fire Department work the machinery of steam engines under steam, at least fifteen minutes of each day, in the direction of their duties, previous to the time and place.

Ordered, That all moneys hereafter received by any member of the Fire Department from private parties, corporations, or individuals, for services, ordinary or extraordinary, performed by members of the Chicago Fire Department, shall be reported, in writing by the member who has received the same, through the proper Chief Engineer, to the Board of Police, within five days after the receipt of such moneys; and all such moneys shall be paid into the treasury of the Board of Police, for the benefit of the fire department of the city of Chicago, unless otherwise ordered by the Board.

The following communication was presented by the Fire Marshal:

GENTLEMEN: In accordance with your instructions I have the honor to report in relation to the bill of E. Holbrook, for coal which he claims was used by steam fire engines during the great conflagration on Oct. 8 and 9, 1871.

I have ascertained that the steam fire engine No. 1 was running at that time, and that the engine house in which it was then located was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 2 was also running at that time, but I have no information as to the coal used by it. The steam fire engine No. 3 was not running at that time, and was not supplied with coal by E. Holbrook. The steam fire engine No. 4 was running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 5 was also running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 6 was also running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 7 was also running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 8 was also running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 9 was also running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 10 was also running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. Holbrook, but whether the coal was used by the engine or not I am unable to say. I am informed that the steam fire engine No. 11 was also running at that time, and was supplied with coal by E. 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Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 6.

A WEATHER-GRUMBLE.

This is one of the bluest and suicidest of blue and suicidal days. Damp, dark, dismal, overhead---sloppy, slushy, slumpy, under foot. After two weeks of severe weather, which has choked off river business and same bear causing a coal famine by cutting of access to the sources of supply across the river, it has moderated,---if anything can be called moderate where everything seems to assume a superlative phase, from cold to heat in the temperature, and native old-time Southern "shiftlessness" to imported Yankee energy, and indomitableness in the people. It is now sleeting, and showing symptoms of rain, then the dark, reddish-brown sky. But it will take several days of mild weather to evoke the embargo laid upon the river. So many gorges exist between here and Cairo that, so far as navigation is concerned, it may be considered one huge gorge; while, below Cairo, a gorge extends to Columbus, a distance of 20 miles, and is reported to be, in some places, 20 feet a thickness in consequence of the piling up of the ice. The Great Republic still remains imbedded in the solid mass, though within tantalizing sight of the open water below, which her owners and officers so desire to reach. It was said here that, day before yesterday, two boats were attempting to cut an open way for her, at the trifling wages of $50 per hour for their labor. Within an hour after the above was written it suddenly turned bitterly cold, with sleet, then snow, and a prospect of another severe spell.

LEAP-YEAR BALL.

During the past year the military spirit has emerged from under the cloud which nearly five years of actual war cast over kid-gloved, parlor-knight-errantry which flourishes as prosperously in "piping times of peace," and several companies have been organized here. Probably the most popular and stylish of these is Company A, National Guard, at whose new armory and hill-room, in the old Philharmonic Hall, is to be held this week a Leap-Year Ball, conceived, arranged, managed entirely by ladies, to whom only invitations are sent. Each of the invited is expected to accept some modest, retiring gentleman, to protect him by his convenience and comfort in all things; to wait upon him, and devote him much attention and care as she herself is apt to receive under other occasions of a like character. That the ladies will carry off the ball handsomely, is convinced, since it is "leap year." It is very difficult to predict the will exact the characters of ballants with much more grace, ease, and confidence than their masculine partners will assume the roles of demure and timid maidens. The delicacy and blush of the gentleman are more striking to the female mind than her grace and sweetness are to the latter's self-assertion and assumption of the courage masculine,---especially of the modern regulation type.

STREET CLEANING.

For the past month or so, the horrible condition of our streets has been provocative of much grumbling and blasphemy. Even in the very heart of the city, where have been the quagmires that the promenaders of the vanity and fair chase or the thoroughfares of business. Sinsh and mud, of all degrees of consistency, from that suitable for the roofing crust of mud-pies to the genuine, creamlike batter for filling the same, has been spread over roadway and pavement alike. The city authorities have long struggled with the street-cleaning question; but it has so far proved to much for them. Ordinances have been passed only to be repealed, and the street-cleaning department has been created, only to grapple with this subject alone, nevertheless several additional officers, to be filled by good salaries; but which will be abated at the mud of the public funds, remains to be seen.

SMELTING WORKS.

A new and important enterprise is about to be established here,---or, rather, near here, in the village of Cheltenham, a near dependency of St. Louis, in the shape of a smelting and refining works. Silver exists to a considerable extent with the lead ores of this and these, together with ores from the Western Territories by way of the Kansas Pacific and the rapidly-extending Atlantic & Pacific Road, will, it is thought, supply which to operate. There is no doubt that the products of this State alone, when properly developed, will furnish work and these works will unquestionably prove an important addition to the rapidly-augmenting industries of St. Louis. It is expected that active operations will begin at new furnaces about the middle of April next.

STATE CREDIT.

Indorsed is my last to Governor Brown's message, relating the concurrent resolution of the Missouri Legislature to pay the money realized from the sale of the Hannibal & St. Joseph Railroad, as stipulated in their lease. In the Senate, the resolution was passed over the Governor's veto, on the 1st inst. Then it went to the House, where, after considerable wrangling, it was postponed until 21st Tuesday for further consideration. It by default; but it is more than likely it will also be passed in the House over the Governor's veto. However, it will take two-thirds, as certified by the Supreme Court Judge, whose opinion the Governor asked and obtained, indorsing his views and transmitted to the Legislature by the Fund Commissioners. Whether this will be finally passed cannot be told at present, but it is more than probable that the terms of these politicians in the Legislature will be cut short by the people at the next election, which is to be held in November next. Then the Democracy will be returned to power, and the Republicans will be relegated to the rear, to remain there for a long time to come.

GAS IMBROGLIO.

Some twelve miles from this city, in Illinois, is the thriving little rural city of Belleville, which, on account of its proximity, is looked upon as a certain measure a dependency of St. Louis, and building in a City Council and other city affairs. It does not escape those questions in which the nature of the City Councils to become involved, the Gas-Light Company having expired, the renewal of the same has given rise to a disgraceful affair. The Council refused to grant a renewal, whereupon the Council passed a resolution declaring the existence of the unsatisfactory condition, a public nuisance, and demanding their instant removal. The citizens appear to sustain the Council, and put up with the enforced darkness of the streets with good grace; but the affair seemed to furnish subject for much fun. In many instances lamp-posts were armed with eggs, bread, rats, and other indices of popular feeling. The organization of the Gas Company was begun, and, at last accounts, the subscription amounted to $2,000, with a fair prospect of its success. A similar state of things has existed here for a couple of years, except that we have had no gas deprived of street-lights. But the outstanding has long existed between the City Council and the Gas Company, and the Laclede Company continue to work yesterday on their new works. The pipes are rapidly passing through the city, and, when completed, there will no reason why the city should not be as well lighted as any in the country.

THE "RING-CHASE."

The latest cartoon of the "Ring Chase" is the subject of much comment and laughter. It is below upon those who minister to the gratification. The whole design is a burlesque upon those affairs called "tournaments," probably for no other reason that they are so. Just what the real object is---where so many "Knights" are needed to carry off so long a string of fair characters, most of whom are represented as individuals here---the presence of a "merry-go-round" as the principal prize. Custer with his sword, journal-in-hand, pen behind ear, &c., are all endeavoring to be the Duke's fields out. The "ring" is a recumbent post, with a shapely leg in the centre, as stag-master, and Rukel, gracefully leaning upon the piano which was the (figurative) lance, by means of which he captured a splendid ring, complacently regarding his exaggerated hand and the ring thereon, and casting with contemptuous indifference at the efforts of the riders. Some minor points in the picture, though suggestive and laughable, will not bear a more particular description.

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MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

MONETARY.

THURSDAY EVENING, Feb. 8.

The only noticeable feature in connection with the rumors of war, are the rise of about one-half of one per cent in the price of gold, and a corresponding decline in the price of American bonds in London. These are significant changes and do not indicate a belief that there is danger of a rupture.

Those who will read the text,---printed in our issue of this morning Tauraday,---of the American claim for indirect damages caused by the building, equipping, and manning of rebel cruisers under the protection of the flag of neutrality, will see that this claim is not made up of mere moonshine. The warning to the British Parliament, uttered by Mr. Cobden in 1863, is as significant of what was the intention and hope of a large party in England at that time, that the action of the Conference has considered these claims, before the appearance of deliberate intention to make a rupture with the United States. But those who remember the position of Great Britain in the Crimean war, and also in the late France-Prussian war, scarcely believe that England will be guilty of so foolish a piece of folly as to go to war with any nation in this country, with the help of Oriental countries toward which the policy of Russia is moving for half a century. By that policy England secured the endless hatred of Russia, as has also secured the enmity of France since the close of Germany's triumph. In the event of a rounding of the United States can afford to be tempted, Great Britain will scarcely venture to go to war.

In the local markets there were no important changes to-day. The grain markets were the indications of "war prices." Business at the best was dull, and money reasonably plenty at 10 per cent.

Exchange continues weak at from 25@300 per $1,000 discount for sales between banks. At the counter, bankers sell at 1-16 premium and buy at 1-16 discount. There is a light movement of currency toward the country, and some moderate amounts are going to grain-raising sections, but on the whole the tendency of currency movement does not indicate any extra supply.

Now in the above, the *Bulletin* has perverted the truth (we unintentionally) in a very important particular. The paragraph which the *Bulletin* reprinted from The Insurance Monitor, referred exclusively to Eastern Insurance Companies but, in the heading of the *Bulletin*, the Chicago Insurance Companies are included. The *Bulletin* would carry the erroneous impression that this dishonorable course was pursued by Chicago companies, when in fact the companies of New York, Connecticut, and Rhode Island. The *Bulletin* is encouraging them in the evasion of their obligations by throwing the imputation that a Chicago companies have adopted this policy. The Chicago companies have not made any changes in their policies, nor have the Eastern companies. Perhaps some of the new companies on the list may have done so, but the old companies, may possibly have considered it best to stand against the madness of the times, and if the said companies should at any time desire dealings with the business of their the owners of these companies policy-holders, the perverted item in the New York *Bulletin* and the Chicago people can do business with them. Chicago people can do business with them. The Chicago people can do business with them. The Chicago people can do business with them. The

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THE LATE SENATOR GRIMES.

James W. Grimes died at his residence at Burlington, Iowa, on Wednesday night, of disease of the heart. His decease was sudden, as within a few days he had been in fair health. During the fifteen most important and eventful years of American history, Senator Grimes, if not one of the most eloquent, was one of the most conspicuous, firmest, ablest, and most influential of the men whose opinions and acts guided the course of our Government and shaped the progress of events. Possessed of an eminently clear, practical, and direct mind, his habit was to see intuitively the main facts of every situation, and to strip them in a few words of the glamour of mystery and confusion with which wordy orations encumbered and obscured them. Judgment, caution, scrupulous regard for truth and the evidence, and the firmness that never contradicts itself, all cause a man to speak seldom and briefly, and these were the characteristics of Senator Grimes in an eminent degree. Hence, when he spoke, though only for five minutes, or even voted, his position was itself an argument, and to his constituents generally a convincing one.

Mr. Grimes was born at Hillsborough Bridge, New Hampshire, in the year 1816, and was in his 56th year at the date of his decease. The few facts we have concerning his early life indicate that his parents were in the average condition of New England farmers, starting their son in life with an education and not a dollar more. He studied first at Exeter, and graduated at Dartmouth College at the early age of 19,—James F. Joy, of railroad celebrity, being one of his tutors. After studying law briefly in New Hampshire, in the office of a distinguished lawyer of that State, he was there admitted to the Bar, and immediately removed to Burlington, Iowa, while that district was still a part of the Territory of Wisconsin. Almost immediately on his arrival, a Territorial Government was organized, and he, while not yet arrived at his majority, was elected a Representative to the Territorial Council for Des Moines County, when that county included all of Iowa south of Iowa River. About the same time he formed a law partnership with Henry W. Shaw, and the firm of Grimes & Shaw continued until the latter was elected Governor, both its members having assumed positions among the foremost lawyers in the State. Mr. Grimes was specially noted as a strong jury lawyer; was distinguished by several arguments of intricate law questions against Eastern lawyers of eminence, and equally as a business counsellor and sound judge of financial questions and new business enterprises. On one occasion, a question arising between the United States and certain grantees in Iowa involving a large and valuable grant, the importance of the question was such that Attorney General B. F. Butler, of New York, and other eminent Eastern lawyers, came to Iowa to discuss it, and were met by Mr. Grimes. The latter so completely discomfitted them in the argument and conduct of the cause that the whole Bar and people of Iowa regarded his triumph as a State honor and achievement.

From the first, Mr. Grimes was a Whig, an Abolitionist, and a Free-Trader. By no combination of principles could he have so fully vindicated his personal independence. His Whig principles put him in the minority in his State, which was in those times Democratic. His Abolitionism was equally obnoxious to the time-servers and politicians of both parties; and when Republican principles had come into the ascendant, and he had come to represent them in the Senate, his Free-Trade convictions brought him into equally sharp antagonism with the majority in that body.

Upon the organization of the State of Iowa, in 1846, Mr. Grimes was elected Representative in the Legislature, though his District was strongly Democratic, served several terms, and was the recognized leader of the Whig minority. In 1848, he led the Iowa delegation in the Whig National Convention at Philadelphia. For the following years his political views kept him in private life, until the passage of the Nebraska bill in 1854. Then he took the lead of the anti-Nebraska party in the State, stumped the State as candidate for Governor, and, to the great astonishment of his friends, of the Democratic party, and, perhaps, even of himself, he, by his individual energy and the strength of his cause, carried the State for the Republican ticket, to which it has so tenaciously adhered ever since. During his term as Governor, the great land-grants by the United States to Iowa, in aid of the building of the present magnificent system of Iowa railroads, were received by the State; and by the action of a joint committee of the Legislature, of which Hon. W. F. Coolbaugh, of Chicago,—always a most intimate social and business friend of Mr. Grimes,—was Chairman, they were all awarded within a space of less than two weeks to the several companies which have since built the roads. It is a noteworthy incident of so important an event that, while in Wisconsin and other States similar grants gave rise to disgraceful corruption, in Iowa not a breath or rumor of unfair dealing or misbehavior ever attached to any member of either house of the Legislature. The grants were worth, prospectively, from twenty-five to thirty millions of dollars, and the despatch and integrity with which they were awarded were largely due to the influence of the Governor, and the knowledge on the part of every member of the Legislature that he would not brook or suffer the least taint of impurity in the transaction on the part of anybody.

Before the end of his term as Governor he was chosen, in the session of '57 and '58, to the United States Senate for a full term, and at the expiration thereof was re-elected by the Legislature by a vote essentially unanimous, there being only four votes against him. Most of the Democrats who did not vote for him declined voting.

As a Senator, he was distinguished as the Chairman for many years of the Naval Committee. He understood the navy better than the Secretaries, knew its vessels and officers, their histories and record, their tonnage and fitness, and won the regard of the officers in the naval service generally by his intimate knowledge and close attention to their affairs. During the war this ready command of details, of which few members of the Senate knew anything, rendered him an invaluable authority and aid. Whenever called upon to speak in vindication of the navy, or in explanation of its management, his speeches were not merely arguments, but revelations, which won the assent and congratulations of the Senate. Throughout the war he steadily adhered to the policy of its vigorous prosecution, and of emancipation of the slaves as an incident to the main contest. When the war ended, he, from the first, believed in reconstruction on the basis of universal suffrage. As a member of the celebrated Reconstruction Committee, he aided in drafting and reporting the plan of reconstruction which was finally adopted, and which was not merely a reconstruction of the South, but of the National Constitution. He desired, however, that this should be coupled with general amnesty, and the absence of all military harshness and carpet-baggism. On this latter issue he resumed what was deemed by some a conservative position. On the impeachment trial of Andrew Johnson he voted with Fessenden and Trumbull against conviction, and incurred his full measure of the popular, or mob, wrath which followed those who voted in the negative. Though no clamor could shake the inflexible will that had sustained him in all his political life, yet he felt keenly the unkindness with which thousands of life-long political associates and friends brawled their heartless charges on the public ear. Since he did not believe that Andrew Johnson was guilty as charged in the articles of impeachment, it was incomprehensible to him that any man should think it his duty as a partisan to vote for conviction. In the midst of the excitement of the trial in June, 1868, he was struck by an attack of paralysis, not his first, however, and was borne insensible from the Senate Chamber. He revived sufficiently to be brought in upon a couch to cast the decisive vote which prevented the President's conviction. After a few months' rest he returned in the fall to his duties, but in the ensuing winter he resigned and went immediately to Europe. For two years he gave his whole time and thoughts to the recovery of his health, travelling leisurely through most of the European States, and stopping for a long time at Gilon, a point overlooking the Lake of Geneva in Switzerland. He returned from Europe apparently in more vigorous health than he had been for many years, and so continued, we believe, until very near the time of his decease. It was most gratifying to him to find, on his return, that all the ferment of hostility raised by his vote on impeachment had died away, and that the sober second thought of his people rendered him a higher meed of praise than if his vote had accorded with the current popular caprice. During his long business life, his frugality, forecast, and the rise in values of Iowa real estate had resulted in the accumulation of a fortune of nearly or quite a million of dollars,—a business success most unusual among lawyers and politicians. He leaves a widow and an adopted daughter, with whom in their mourning, many thousands of friends, and, indeed, the whole country, will join their condolence and sympathies. Mr. Grimes was a gentleman of pure, firm, industrious, and unimpeachable patriotism, and of great intellectual force and breadth. Such qualities enroll him among the really great men of America,—men who were great by virtue of their character and ability, and not merely by force of their position.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislature has been in session since Nov. 15, a period of three months, which, added to the five months of previous sessions, makes a considerable term without the passage of any general legislation. The few bills which have been enacted were more the result of emergency than anything else. The railroad and warehouse laws constituted the sum total of general business of last year's session. The Legislature was charged with the duty of enacting laws upon several important subjects, none of which have been acted on. Among these important subjects are: A law regulating the exercise of eminent domain. For the want of legislation providing the legal machinery, the work of opening streets, and all other work involving the use of private property for public purposes, has been suspended. A law regulating the assessment and collection of taxes for State and County purposes, and a law regulating assessments and collection of taxes, general and special, in cities, are of imperative necessity, but have not been acted on. The general act for the incorporation of cities hangs in one house or the other, as does the general act for the formation of other than municipal corporations. The Legislative Apportionment, and the Congressional Apportionment, the Fees and Salaries bills,—all are yet unfinished.

These are important matters. The municipal governments in all parts of the State are brought to a stand-still for the want of legislation in regard to the proper officer to collect taxes by sales, and the whole State is generally embarrassed by the failure to act on these subjects. The most serious difficulty in this matter is, that, as the season advances, the presence of a quorum becomes more uncertain. In a few weeks more the number of members in attendance will be too small to pass on a bill with an emergency clause, and it will be difficult to keep the number of members necessary to pass a bill in any shape. This will place it in the power of a factious few to defeat any legislation, no matter how desirable or necessary it may be.

We appeal, therefore, to the members of the Legislature to go to work. After eight months of debate, there can be no necessity for any further discussion of those questions in Committee of the Whole. Let all these bills be reported, and let them be acted on by yeas and nays. An agreement between the houses is far more likely to be reached by votes than by endless discussions. Unless these subjects be disposed of during the next four weeks, there is hardly any hope of their being reached at all.

THE ALTON RAILROAD DISASTER.

Another era of railroad slaughter has commenced. It was but a few days ago that the country was horrified with the details of the Mud Run disaster in Pennsylvania, by which six persons were killed and scores mutilated and burned. On the 6th inst., a train was thrown off the track on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, near St. Louis, and twenty-two persons were more or less injured thereby. And now come the details of the Alton Railroad-murder, by which four or five persons are killed and several more are frightfully crushed or burned, some of whom must be maimed for life. The facts of this terrible disaster justify us in the use of the term railroad-murder. It is none too strong to characterize this needless and criminal slaughter. The freight train which left Alton, going north, was behind time, and should have waited at the side track at the junction for the St. Louis passenger train to pass. The latter train was on time, and the conductor of the freight train, unless he was utterly bereft of common sense, knew that he must meet it on the way, with this fact staring him directly in the face, and with a criminal recklessness which is incomprehensible, unless he meditated the destruction of the passenger train, he orders his train to proceed as if the way were clear, with what result the reader knows. At the moment of the collision he jumps from his train and seeks safety in flight.

In the whole annals of railroad disaster, we cannot remember a case so thoroughly destitute of palliating circumstances. If the freight conductor knew that he must meet the passenger train, he was certainly guilty. If he did not know that he must meet it, he was equally guilty, for it is an elementary railroad regulation that freight trains must make way for passenger trains, and that a train on time has the right of way. The conductor knew, if he knew anything, that, if he moved his train from the junction before the passenger passed, there must be a collision, and under such circumstances his conduct is just as criminal as that of a man who kills another on the highway, and he should be held liable to a strict accountability for the death of those who were killed by his criminal recklessness.

We have so often urged that some one should be held liable for these railroad slaughters, that the appeal has well-nigh grown threadbare. The disasters are increasing, and we are doing nothing to check them, and by so doing we are offering a premium to stupidity and criminality. It is sometimes urged that engineers and conductors are not criminally reckless, for they are exposing themselves to the risk of disasters, and no man willingly exposes himself to danger. But, unfortunately for the practical application of this rule, it always happens that those who are guilty escape the danger. The conductor always manages to slip off his train, and the engineer and fireman somehow always succeed in checking up their train sufficiently to jump off, while the employés and passengers of the other train, who are unaware of the impending danger, are the victims. Railroad disasters growing out of ignorance or recklessness will never be checked until there is some definite mode of proceeding instituted against the authors of such disasters, and until a summary and salutary example has been made under such a proceeding. We want a Civil Service reform in railroad appointments which shall guarantee that conductors shall be men of judgment, intelligence, and moral character, with a knowledge of what such words as caution, prudence, and responsibility mean; and that shall guarantee that engineers shall know something about an engine; that they shall know how an engine is constructed, and be able to repair it when out of order. A railroad engineer should be an expert, holding his position by virtue of his skilled knowledge, not by virtue of of promotion from brake-turning. We want a criminal code with reference to railroads which will provide for the arrest, trial, and conviction of railroad criminals as in the case of other criminals. Under the operations of ordinary criminal law, it is next to impossible to punish a conductor who has, perhaps, murdered scores of people by his inefficiency or his heedlessness, or, worse than either, his recklessness. If the conductor of the freight train in question cannot be punished for his atrocious conduct by process of law, he is none the less morally guilty of the murder of four people, and the maiming of fifteen or twenty others, some of them for life. The Rockford, Rock Island & St. Louis Railroad Company owe it to the public, as the least recompense they can make, to discharge him from their service immediately, and never allow him to enter it again, and no other railroad company in the country should give him employment. The engineer and conductor of a railroad train hold hundreds of human lives at their absolute mercy every trip they make, and no company can be too careful in ascertaining the character of the men to whom they assign such an important trust. The dangers of railroad travel from purely mechanical causes, which it is not always possible to avoid, are sufficient without adding to them the causes which can be avoided. And these causes can be avoided when there is any legal responsibility attached to them.

THE EASTERN TERMINUS OF THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.

The Union Pacific Railroad Company has recently made a contract with the city of Omaha, by which the Company binds itself that its eastern terminus shall hereafter be within the corporate limits of that city. What the particular motive for this contract may be is not explained, but that it is the result of a combination of interests on the part of the city and the Company hostile to general interests is obvious. It is, however, questionable whether the end sought by this contract is permissible under the law. The Union Pacific Railway Company holds its property and franchises subject to the terms and conditions of its charter from Congress. By its charter, the eastern terminus of the road was fixed on the eastern side of the Missouri River, and the Company was required to build, keep, and maintain a bridge over the Missouri River in order to establish a continuous service from the eastern terminus.

Under the act of July 1, 1862, the Company was required to build a railroad from a point, on the western boundary of Iowa, to be fixed by the President of the United States. On the 9th of March, 1864, the President officially designated and established this eastern terminus on the western boundary of the State of Iowa, east of, and opposite to, the east line of Section 10, in Township 15, north of Range 13, east of the 6th Principal Meridian, in the Territory of Nebraska. The point thus selected and established by President Lincoln is within the limits of Council Bluffs, Iowa. By the act of July, 1864, the Company was authorized to build bridges and make connections over the Missouri River and all other rivers in the course of the road; and by the act of 1870, enabling the Company to issue bonds for building the bridge over the river, it was expressly stipulated that "Nothing in this act shall be construed to change the eastern terminus of the Union Pacific Railroad from the place where it is now fixed under existing laws."

The contract recently made with the city of Omaha is in violation of these laws. It transfers the eastern terminus of the road to the west side of the Missouri River, and, if such transfer be legal, it releases the Company from the cost of maintaining and keeping the bridge over the Missouri River. Just here arises the inquiry why the company want this transfer. It is possible that, if the Union Pacific Railroad Company be not obliged to keep and maintain that bridge, the latter may become the property of some bridge company, with authority to levy and collect whatever tolls it pleases from passengers and traffic. Or it may be to compel all the roads from the East reaching the river to construct and maintain the bridge, and transfer and deliver all their business on the west side of the river. Whatever the motive is, the end sought is a violation of law, and a broad departure from the original plan and purpose. The Union Pacific Railroad owes too much to the National bounty and to the forbearance of the country to warrant an open violation of the law which called the Company into existence,—a violation plainly opposed to public interest.

In the present dearth of sound insurance capital at Chicago, it may not be generally known that our merchants are really driven to great straits to get the insurance they need. Insurance, like every other article of merchandise, should be sold at the lowest rates, and with the fewest limitations that are consistent with the protection of the consumer himself. Since the fire, our merchants are often compelled to seek insurance on their goods, not only in St. Louis, Cincinnati, New York, and Hartford, but in Memphis, New Orleans, Montreal, and all the little towns from Missouri to Maine. Under these circumstances, some two hundred of our leading merchants have sent a petition down to Springfield for the repeal of that clause of our insurance law which requires foreign (i. e., British and Canadian) companies to deposit $200,000 as security for their losses here. If any similar clause is needed they ask that a substitute be passed, providing that any foreign company may insure within this State upon filing due proof that it has made a deposit of $200,000 in any State Insurance Department in this country,—say, in that of New York.

The foreign companies that transact insurance in Chicago—the Imperial, the North British and Mercantile, and London, Liverpool and Globe—are among the strongest in the world; and to require such companies to make a paltry deposit of $200,000 at Springfield is simply to thwart the efforts of the business men of Chicago to obtain sound insurance. We hope the Legislature will pass some bill which will relieve foreign insurance companies of whatever is needless and oppressive in the present law.

Our Opera Season.

On the 8th day of October last, when Crosby's Opera House was in flames and every other respectable place of amusement in the South Division was burning, he would have been called a very rash man who should have hazarded the prophecy that in four months' time Chicago would have a season of opera. Our readers will remember the lamentations which went up over the daughters of music who were so suddenly brought low, and as we all imagined, were buried, past any immediate hope of resurrection, under stone, brick, and iron ruin. Under the old rule of "Business before pleasure," we imagined that there would be no room for amusement until we had recovered our material position; that there would be no place for music until we got places for our stocks of goods, our banks, and other corporations, and homes for every man to live in; that we should be in no mood to listen to the music of opera until the music of the saw and hammer had ceased. Time has proved that we were every way in error, and that we had no idea of our own elasticity and curative powers. Under the impulse of our own energies, which we never before knew that we possessed, aided by the splendid charity which the whole world sent us,—including the Cincinnati scrap,—the patient is convalescent and on his feet, and able to go out and hear a little music.

It is, perhaps, fortunate rather than otherwise, that the manager who brings his troupe here next week is going to give us musical gruel. We are hardly strong enough yet to go to bear hearty food. We have no diamonds to blaze in the front row, no gorgeous apparel which can be spoiled by suspicious upholstery or unexpected fleers, no kid gloves to split in applauding our favorites, and not strength of voice enough to clamor lustily for *encores*, as was our wont when we were in robust health. We have lost our memory somewhat, and the names of the operas to be given,—Trovatore, the Postillion, and the Huguenots,—which were once familiar enough, now have salutary example has been made under such something which it seems to us we heard ages ago. In the fading out of memory of the old buildings, the associations connected with them seem to have faded out also, and in retrospect we see through a glass darkly.

The music which Mr. De Vive has provided for us next week will not injure our musical digestion. We shall all survive the Huguenots in the Globe Theatre, a locality which at once precludes the possibility of our eyes being overdazzled with the lustre and sheen which are always necessary to the production of Meyerbeer's music. The anvils in Trovatore will not injure our ears, for pounding is a familiar sound on Desplaines street; neither will the whip-cracking of the Postillion annoy us, for that, too, is a familiar sound. Our curiosity will be limited to Wachtel, for all the others have been naturalized and whitened with us for the past quarter of a century, and, until we saw their names in print, we were under the impression that we had written their obituaries a long, long time before the fire. We are to have opera upon a liberal basis, and, if any one is unwise enough to recall reminiscences of our palmy days, when we arrayed ourselves in broadcloth and satin and ate the post-operatic feasts, he can content himself with the reflection that at least he is paying the same old score, and that all the ties which connect us with the past of opera are not yet snudered.

We are in no complaining mood. We must get up to the full glory of opera by slow degrees; and, when we do get there and inaugurate our new Opera House with nothing short of Adeline Patti or Faultine Lucca, and an entire chorus of prima donnas, for New York, and Boston, and Philadelphia, and other places heretofore tributary to Chicago, look out for themselves, for then Chicago will once more come to the front, fully recovered from her burn, to gladden the managerial exchequers and sadden her suburban sisters.

The most remarkable breach-of-promise suit on record will soon be tried at Philadelphia. A young woman of Boston, who was to wed a resident of the Quaker City, became a victim of the free-love mania, and, as the appointed time drew near, announced her resolve to go through no ceremony whatever, but to enter on wedded life without a wedding. Her lover tried to shake her resolution, but could not. She claimed that, if they were not irrevocably bound together, he would be more careful to retain her affections, and frankly avowed her determination to leave him if she ever loved another man better. This declaration put an effectual end, as her lover thought, to the engagement; but she has actually sued him for breach of promise. The case will be tried next fall. The Philadelphian is still anxious to fulfill the matrimonial betrothal, trusting time and thought to cure her fancies, but utterly refuses to take her as his mistress. This will be the defence. What the plaintiff's counsel will urge cannot be foreseen.

The *Pall Mall Gazette* has a long account of the formation of an English Capitalists' Union. Employers of over 100,000 men met at the Palace Hotel in London, and formed a defensive coalition. Further reduction in working time is especially to be resisted, as nine hours is considered a fair limit. It is said that the association is considering a project for establishing a Pension Fund, from which annuities may be paid to all men who spend a certain number of years in one employ. Such an undertaking would do much to free workingmen from slavish obedience to the rules of Trades' Unions, and would tend to promote friendly relations between master and man. It is certainly the hope that something of this kind may be done, and the peril of a direct conflict between the Capitalists' Union and the Trades' Unions be averted.

Charles Reade is in hot water again, this time being embroiled with an author instead of a critic. In *Once a Week*, Mr. Reade accuses George Eliot" of plagiarism from his earlier works. He asserts that she "borrows" her ideas; and suggests, with a sarcastic affectation of forgiveness, that she probably is a kleptomaniac. Some ardent admirer stung by this writes to a London journal that a kleptomaniac is a person who steals from mere delight in thieving, things not worth stealing, and that, if "George Eliot" has taken anything from Charles Reade, she is undoubtedly a kleptomaniac in that sense of the term. This wordy warfare will probably elicit a speedy reply from the accused novelist, who will probably be able to show how he has been enabled to write better novels than Charles Reade with his material.

A noteworthy circular was issued a few weeks since by the Turkish Government. It proclaimed the freest and fullest tolerance of all forms of faith. Its sincerity has just been proved by the kind reception given to the Jews of Roumania. The barbarous assaults upon these luckless people which were made in 1868, have been repeated within the last few days. Men, women, and children have been killed, and their houses plundered and destroyed. All who could have escaped across the Turkish frontier, and have been cared for by officers especially detailed for that purpose by the Sublime Porte. The contrast between Mohammedan Turkey and Christian Roumania does not redound to the credit of the latter, and suggests a change in the direction of missionary effort in Southeastern Europe.

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From our Own Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.

A few days ago, a large French gentleman, not unlike the portraits of Lafayette, was seen advancing up the street toward my window, and soon afterward up came his card, inscribed Georges Gerard, late United States Consul to St. Helena and the Cape of Good Hope.

I at once recognized my old French teacher; the French is forgotten, but not the teacher. Mr. Lincoln had tenderly relieved him from the wickedness of his public school thraldom, and sent him to St. Helena ten years ago. There, close to the empty tomb of the Great Bonaparte, he had spent five years in the solemn study of the Southern Sea, suspended between Africa and Brazil, with a salary of $1,500 per annum. Prostrated by disease, he was transferred to Cape Town, the tip of Africa, where he remained until a few months ago, upon the princely salary of $1,000 per annum, half of which was requisite to give him lodgings, and the United States naval officers pausing at the Cape looked to him for hospitality. Finally, a ripe age, he had returned to this country, and now stands in that doleful waiting and wistful state of one who hopes against hope that ten years of service, given for an aggregate sum of $12,500, may entitle him to another position.

A VOYAGE MILEWARDS.

The presence of this genial gentleman led me into a new field of the world. We took down the atlases, and returned along the path of his voyages. Grouped around the South Pole, like a cluster of three pears in some vast refrigerator, are three Capes,—Horn, Good Hope, South,—none nearer the Pole than 2,100 miles, each terminal of a Continent. The sea in that zone is very wet, and the question of *terra firma* is brought down to a few fine points. The world itself there is pinched up to a girdle of 16,000 miles; but still, from the end of Australia to its next neighbor, New Amerika threaded through 8,000 miles, and from Horn to Good Hope say 4,500, and from Good Hope to Australia, near 5,000. Postal contracts between these Capes could not be made very fat, provided the Cape mails were carried by weight. Our Government derives its notions of salaries from the behavior of the Globe, and pinches them proportionately as the routes lengthen. Upon this scale of this kind may be done, and the peril of a direct conflict between the Capitalists' Union and the Trades' Unions be averted.

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A LINE OF VESSELS

was put on between these Capes nearly one hundred years ago by Captain Cook, who made one trip, and sold out fifteen years later to Mr. Vanconver. The people on the Capes who waited for the next trip have since had no confidence in the line. The reason of the failure is attributable in Kenny's case to fraud, and in that of the other vessels were Clyde-built and bought in cheap markets. Not showing an American register, Captain Cook was beaten to death with clubs of pig iron by the Fiji cannibals of the Southern Islands, on a late occasion.

A singular coincidence with the visit of my travelled friend, who told me all about the diamond-fields, etc., was the arrival, within a few days, of the Australasia Line of Steamers, in search of comfort for his steamship subsidy to another one of those Southern promontories, Australia and New Zealand. The Melbourne Line of Royal Holidays line $500,000 per annum, to begin from the time the steamers started, last April. The boats run to Sandwich Island, coal up there, and touch at Auckland, New Zealand, then at Sydney, and finally at Melbourne, returning to San Francisco by the same course. Now it costs $60,000 to build these New Zealand Clippers, or on the Clyde in the Pacific Ocean, running her around the middle Cape Horn.

ALL AT THE POLES.

While we are thus steaming in the waters of Southern Asia, Barry Holliday is building railroads in Chili, within a thousand miles of Cape Horn; and Mr. Gerard informs me that two regular lines of Boston packets ran to the Cape of Good Hope, by which Concord stages to carry people from the Cape or Port Elizabeth to the diamond-fields. We may thus see that the new Suez Canal, the promontories of the Southern Hemisphere, to be enterprising in a capricious way. This last in deference to the great newspaper humorist of the day, who dubbed "Suez on the brains falling over a word.. Having paid Mr. Gerard the aggregate sum of $12,500 for ten years of banishment as its Consul, our Government has no reason to interfere with the smuggling diamonds through the Boston Custom House on his return, and two delegates to the approaching Alderman convention were brought in with the dexterity of the Artful Dodger. Our salaries always invite the supposition that our Consuls must smuggle to live. Ten years at St. Helena, longer than Napoleon stayed, there —entitled our aged friend to be welcomed home to his country with a search-warrant. "Faithful servitor," says Uncle Sam, flourishing his gauging-rod, "I want you to count casts. Yer from them ar dimun fields, and I wants to divide!"

We had hardly got comfortably through our talk than in came the Hon. J. Henry Riley.

"I'm from the South Pole," said Mr. Riley. "I've been out to the diamond-fields, and stayed on the spot two months. I was absent from our great country just eight months, and I represent the Orange Free State as its Consul General in America."

"I suppose you have a good salary, Riley, being accredited to a place on the long degrees of longitude."

Riley then showed a great many rough diamonds, which resembled the usual contents of a bird's nest, in the plaster-yards, and seemed to have been hardly worth the trouble to go so far to get. The Orange Free State and the Transvaal Republic pay their representative in cash, which, in another orthography, we feed to cats.

And what do you suppose Riley had gone to the end of the world for? Merely to write a book on the South African diamond-fields. Being an old printer and Free-Soiler, he was selected by a publisher as able and vigorous enough to go nearly the whole length of the Atlantic, first crossing from Rio de Janeiro to Hampton, thence down the whole coast of Europe and Africa to Cape Town, and thence 300 miles up the country, to the diamond field. It is a sorrow on the material conquests of the times that a man could do this well, a tour of 20,000 miles in the three pleasant seasons of the same year.

A GLANCE AT SOUTH AFRICA.

There are no longer any distant solitudes; a man must stay at home to be banished, and complete his isolation from affairs by reading the Administration and Democratic news papers. In this one, he will never hear of Custom House frauds; and, in the other, nothing about the United States; while, according to Mr. Gerard, both topics are well understood at St. Helena and Cape Town. British commercial enterprise, under the Christian banner of free trade, has put the South Atlantic in communication with Europe and all America. Cape Town is a stopping place for steamers between Asia and Europe, which also touch at the islands of the South Atlantic; while a separate steamship line runs to Port Elizabeth on the Indian Ocean, 900 miles east of Cape Town. At Cape Elizabeth, six years before Columbus discovered America, Bartolommeo Diaz pointed his discovery of the Cape of Good Hope behind it, and then gave a way

...five, whose aggregate amount to 200 barrels.
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THE NEW BOARD OF AUDIT.

...ew Board of Audits, created by the ...ture last week, for the purpose of ...t upon pending claims against the ...unty, organized on Saturday. ...claims are coming in by the million ...The Board consists of Comptroller ...Park Commissioner Stebbins, and ...mer of Public Works Van Nort... ...ims which they will be called upon to ...e, amount, in the aggregate, to nearly ...,000. While many of them are just, ...y parties are honestly grave, ...thers are simply a lot of fraudulent ...put in by the Ring thieves in the ...ary way, but which had not been ...ed on the Controller's secret ...the injunction which prevented him ...paying anyone. Among these claims ...e $30,000 for advertising in a lot of ...known weekly Democratic news... ...purported to represent the Irish ele... in our midst. Ingersoll & Co., the ...furniture men, have claims filed for ...,000; while Jackson, Keyser, Sloan, ...and other well-known Ring favorites ...claims for proportionate amounts. The ...ork Printing Company (Tweed, Wil... & Co.) have claims for printing and ...ary amounting to over $1,000,000. As ...is somewhat embarrassed just now, ...ason and Willbur have run away, ...claims are not likely to be pressed for ...ent. The same may be said ...Connolly, Garvey, Keyser, and others, ...which have been paid having ...trouble upon their heads, they are ...ly to prosecute vigorously for the ...t of those pending, particularly as it ...puzzle them to show "service ren...

Under the old order of things, ...would have ordered the bills paid ...t questions of the Board of ...ll require some evidence that the ...s done. A part of the $10,000,000 ...consists of judgments against the ...poration Attorney all ...to be taken by default. If there is ...sible way by which these can be re...ed, a very large sum will be saved.

TAMMANY.

...mit brought by George Washington ...the alleged illegitimate son of Mad..., to recover the estate, valued at ...m $5,000,000 to $6,000,000 left by her, ...which I wrote you last week, drags its ...ength along in our Courts. The testi...thus far taken goes to show that Bow... recognized by Madame Jumel as her ..., if he establishes that fact, will be ...ed of the Court, he must, of course, be ...it possession of the estate, under the ...of this State, which, in the ...ce of other heirs, permits it ...children to inherit. But ...ther side has not been heard yet. ...is O'Conor is confident of defeat... ...dism, as he has the claims of the ...and nieces of the old lady. The ...watched with great interest by all ...

THE SAVINGS BANKS.

...e deeper the investigations go into the ...s of the Suppressed Savings Banks, the ...er is the amount of corruption discov... to have existed among the officers. The ...ing Green Bank, of which that noto... Tammany Hall Republican, "Hank" ..., was President, is shown to have ...st many thousands of dollars—the hard ...gs of its depositors—without any security ...ever. Over $50,000 is charged against ...which are discovered to be fictitious, ...money going, as is believed, into the ...ets of the President, and Walter Roche, ...Secretary, and Tweed's friend. The ...hole management as shown to have ...simply a plan to swindle the commu... and the depositors will not ..., realize 50 cents on the ...The Market Bank is shown ...ave been conducted in a similar ..., although the officers were not men ...of political notoriety. In this instance, ...have made a scapegoat of Conklin, the ..., who is charged with having used ...ney of the bank for private specula... has absconded, which, for a time, ...ed to this report; but investigations ...to show that he was but the tool ...e designing knaves, loaning the money ...k to such persons as were desig... with or without security as circum...s required. A half-dozen other Sav... Banks have suspended during the win... and the grossest mismanagement on the ...of the officers of all of them is discovered. ...ence in all of these institutions is de...ed—the result being that those upon ...he "run" has been made are not de... enough to pay the salaries of ...officers. The Legislature will be called ...to effect such reform in the Savings ...s system as will give the depositors ...security for their money, and prevent ...principals from perpetrating such bare... robberies as have been committed in ...name of these institutions.

A WOMAN'S ENTERPRISE.

...Mrs. King, the lady who travelled for a ...or more in China and Japan, alone, for ...purpose of studying the manners and ...s of the natives, and whose adven... was so much talked about in the ...papers on her return, has just organized ...Empress Tea Company," on a company ...talking scandal over a cup of tea, but for ...ortation and sale of that article in ...country. She is possessed of considera... means, unlimited energy, and the great... amount of faith in her scheme. Madame ...ng is well known as a dispenser of ...r fashions and a writer and publisher ...terprises, has also invested as President ...the Company. It is intended to establish ...ea-houses in all the principal towns and ...s in the Union, and to employ as agents ...ly women. It is estimated that they ...d afford employment to several thou... of their own sex. The scheme met ...t encouragement from the ...ent, and now the Company has got started ...the city, and is gradually building up a ...business. Tea put up by the Company ...e bearing their advertisement and a por... of Redpath Democrat, is now frequently ...with. Among other things promised is ...quality of tea, the experience of Mrs. ...ng in the tea-producing country enabling ...to purchase judiciously. There are, ...bably, no persons save the rivals in the ...ness but will wish all success to the new ...terprise.

THE SEASON OF CRIME.

...We have not had a real good nor interest... murder in a week. To be sure, there ...been several fatal bar-room brawls, and ...a drunken brute beat out his wife's brains with a club a day or two since; but these are common-place events, and in no wise interesting. After the murder of Passerino by highwaymen, in Brooklyn, the assassination of Fisk, the shooting of Watson by his mistress, and the killing of young Hepner by his father, the public like their murders highly spiced. Of such we have had none for a week. Of burglaries, robberies, shooting and stabbing affrays, we have had our full—more, than enough to show us that crime is rampant in our midst, and that neither life nor property is safe from bold and reckless villians. A day or two since, a young lady got into a car at Fulton Ferry to ride to the suburbs. A ruffian soon afterward entered, and, there being no one else in the car, he seated himself opposite, and, showing a revolver, demanded her money. The lady screamed to the conductor, but he was on the front platform, talking to the driver, and declined to pay attention. The ruffian still demanded money, when the young lady suddenly opened the car door and sprang to the ground, receiving a severe fall in consequence. Some gentlemen came to her assistance; but the driver of the car whipped up his horses and disappeared, with the would-be robber, as rapidly as possible. There is no donbt the robber, the conductor, and the driver were in collusion. It has been proven in New York that conductors have been in collusion with pickpockets, assisting them in their robberies, and not unfrequently aiding in assaults upon passengers. Our police force seems wholly incompetent either to prevent this lawlessness or capture the offenders. As for the detectives, they are worse than useless, for they not only do not detect criminals, but actually "cover their tracks." As an instance: A couple of weeks since, "Dutch" Heinrichs and his "pal" stole over $30,000 worth of bonds from a broker's office. Complaint was made to the detectives; but, notwithstanding the fact that he was seen in company with the officers on several occasions, he was not arrested until the broker himself hunted him down. This Heinrich has been, for several years, one of the boldest bond robbers in the city, has been captured several times, but, through the kind offices of the detectives, has managed to compromise every time, and to escape punishment. He has been a very successful thief, and able to pay the detectives liberally. But what can be expected of a police force whose chief has a safe next to his house for his private use, and sends the bill to the city for payment. There is no confidence whatever in the police force of the city, and, unless the Legislature gives us a new force or organization, it will be no wonder if citizens take the matter in their own hands.

THE AMERICUS CLUB.

The Americus Club, otherwise the Ring Club, which was supposed to have been wiped out of existence by the Reform movement, again shows signs of life. Out of respect to public opinion, the Americus, this winter, omitted its annual "Tiger" ball, and its other festivities,—the only time the Ring was ever known to make any sacrifice to public opinion. The creditors of the Club, who held some $70,000 worth of bills against it, threatened to sell out the palatial Club-house at Indian Bay; but matters have been compromised, and the members have agreed to raise the required amount by contribution. How they thing, that was hardly expected, has just occurred, in connection with the Americus. This is the selection of "Boss" Tweed as President for another year. It was believed that enough Democrats had become disgusted with Tweed to keep him out; but, when the members came to cast about for a President, they were not able to agree upon anyone. So, around came a Committee to the "Boss," a day or two ago, and tendered him the position, and, much to the surprise of the few decent members, he accepted. As the Reformers are not yet sure of "ousting" out Tammany Hall through the medium of the Legislature, there is a fair prospect that another winner will see the Sachems in full feather again, and the well-known "Tiger" again on the rampage.

MARK TWAIN ON GENERAL CASS.

A good story is being told of Mark Twain, which has not yet got into print. In the private office of Osgood & Co., the Boston publishers, there are several statuttes of distinguished persons, among them is one of Tasso. Anyone, at once, the final "O" in the name attached to the statutte has become obliterated, while all the letters are old English. Thus the "T" resembles very much the letter "C." Mark visited Osgood's one day, and, on leaving, left a card attached to Tasso, on which he had written:

This ain't my idea of Cass!

MARK TWAIN.

Mark is acknowledged to be a weighty humorist, and, possibly he is a good critic; but he ought to be a little more careful where he indulges in criticisms, and not throw them off in such a reckless manner. However, that is the style of modern critics.

Talking of Osgood & Co., that firm is preparing a hand-book and guide for Boston, in anticipation of Gilmore's International Jubilee. As there does not appear to be any way to suppress Gilmore and his Jubilees, Boston people are striving to turn them to advantage in some way; why not Osgood as well as another? For my part, I don't know any city that actually needs a guide-book as a good supply of guides so much as Boston.

THE CUSTOM-HOUSE INVESTIGATION.

The Senate Committee, in session at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, has accumulated a mass of testimony relating to the manner in which the Custom-House is conducted, which, if printed, as is proposed, will exhaust the Congressional appropriation for that purpose. The testimony has established many facts, which were well known before, viz.: That the General Order business is a swindle on the merchants; that Inspectors are bribed by some of the merchants to keep goods out of the General Order stores, and are bribed by proprietors of the stores to hurry goods into the stores; that packages of goods are sometimes robbed while in the hands of Government officers; that Inspectors pass baggage belonging to passengers on steamships, when such baggage contains dutiable articles, for a consideration. This latter fact is shown to be the rule rather than the exception, and no means are suggested by which it can be stopped.

BALLET-GIRLS.

The managers of the Grand Opera House propose, soon, to bring out "Lalla Rookh" as a grand spectacle; and, to enable them to do this in the most approved style, advertised for a few ballet-girls. Next day, over 600 girls applied for the places. Most of these were very young, from 15 to 20 years of age, and some of them had never appeared in public. This is as it should be, as the number of persons out of employment in this city this winter, the breaking down of the Ring, and the failure of so many Savings Banks, have reduced hundreds to absolute want who have heretofore been able to support themselves comfortably. Business stagnation is the order of the day. Your Great Conflagration could scarcely have brought greater suffering upon your laboring classes than have the causes I have named brought upon ours. There is no prospect of relief for them till the warm weather comes, and business resumes with the opening of navigation. HAROLD.

THE LAST OF HILDEBRAND.

An Unquestionably Insane Outlaw Hung by a Mob in Missouri.

From the Detroit Tribune, Feb. 7.

Charles Hildebrand, once a noted horse-thief, was hung by a mob, on Friday night last, at Hancock Station, in Pulaski County, Mo., on suspicion of being one of a gang of thieves who had been operating along the line of the Atlantic & Pacific Railroad. He was about 30 years of age. His mother lives a short distance from Dearborn, in this State.

For one of his years he had a bad reputation, arising, however, considerably from his practice of relating many terrible stories concerning himself, which, undoubtedly, had their origin only in his imagination. Bought six years since he stole a horse and buggy at Milwaukee, and subsequently he was traced to his mother's house by Superintendent Borgman and Detective Stadler, and was arrested by the latter and taken back to Milwaukee, where he was convicted and sent to prison for several years.

Soon after being released he returned to his home. Last summer he came to this city and soon got into trouble. He called at the jewelry establishment of M. S. Smith & Co., and informed them that a plan had been set on foot to rob their store, and he offered, in consideration of a sum of money being paid him, to give information that would secure the robbers. As requested, he "called again," and was turned over into the custody of Captain Rogers, and an effort was made to send him to prison as a vagrant, but he proved too "wise," and the authorities were reluctantly compelled to release him.

He, however offered to leave the city on condition that he should be released, and he was released. A week or so ago he turned up in St. Joseph, Mo., where he was incarcerated in the calaboose. On the day of his release he visited the editorial rooms of the *Herald* of that city and gave one of the reporters a highly-colored narrative of his career of crime, which was in substance the same that he gave to one of the newspapers here. He announced, as he did here, that he intended to reform, but the mob read his "biography," and concluded that his pretended reformation was a sham, and took his life as before stated.

That he was insane there is hardly room for doubt. While here his actions were more those of an escaped lunatic than anything else.

More Manors to Franklin.

The Philadelphians are constructing a gorgeous stained glass window as perpetuate the memory of Benjamin Franklin. This is to be placed in the College at Philadelphia, of which Franklin was the founder. The cost is defrayed by the alumni of the college. The window will be divided into three compartments, in which it is proposed to put a portrait of Franklin; the coat-of-arms of William Penn, who granted the first charter to the college in 1755, and of the State of Pennsylvania, which granted the present charter in 1791. The lower portion of the window is divided by mullions into five panels. On the center panel will be inscribed, "*Erigit cœla fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannis*," and underneath a civic crown. On the panels on one side of the centre will be placed pictures of the Old Academy in Fourth street, of the printing press used by Dr. Franklin in London, and of the first discovery of electricity. On the other side, a picture of the present University, of the latest improvements in the printing press, and of the newest telegraphic machine.

—Omaha has received a public library from James M. Pattee, one of the earliest pre-emptors in Nebraska.

LONDON.

Lions in the Path of the Gladstone Government.

Mr. Forster Aiming at the British Premiership.

A State Parade Over the Prince of Wales' Recovery.

The Operations of Albert Grant, the Head of the English "Ring."

From Our Special Correspondent.

LONDON, Jan. 20.

PROSPECTS OF THE GLADSTONE GOVERNMENT.

The Gladstone Government sees many lions in its path. There is a monster one which is now roaring terribly at Manchester to-day, and which, to the vulgar eye, seems the most dangerous of them all. Listen to one of the wily officials of the party, however, and you hear that the wrath of the Nonconformists is a manageable thing. Repeatedly have the Dissenters declared that they would withdraw their support from the Whigs if their interests were so studiously disregarded; but, when the moment for action arrived, a few soft words, a score or two of invitations to Ministerial banquets, and, above all, the fear of "those arch-enemies, the Tories," have kept the Independents and Baptists safe in the fold. Perhaps I am wrong, but I believe that that time is over. The Nonconformists feel their power. They know that, without them, the Liberal party is nothing. Nine-tenths of the clergy of the Church of England are Conservatives, and most of the laity who are allied in any way to the Establishment. Why are the Dissenters to be used merely as voters?

The quarrel, in a word, is this: Mr. W. E. Forster—who just now is under a glamour from the attention paid him by the Queen and her daughters, and by the Bishops—persists in the part of the Nonconformists which allows the education rates paid by all the inhabitants to be devoted to the support of "denominational schools." Now, when it is remembered that the Church is established that it includes the aristocracy and landed proprietors; that it is heavily endowed, it will be easily supposed that the majority of schools in existence are Church schools. The Rector and the Squire are paramount. The Church Catechism is the idol which the children are taught to worship. So that, in numbers of towns, the rates paid by the majority—the Dissenters—will be exclusively devoted to the Church. This angers the Dissenters, who call out for secular education. The Conference, sitting to-day and to-morrow at Manchester, will render a persistence in Dr. Forster's crotchet impossible.

MR. FORSTER AND MR. BRIGHT.

Are you aware that Mr. Forster is regarded as Mr. Gladstone's successor? The Quaker-bred member for Bradford has his eye on the Premiership of England. Some of Mr. Forster's friends affirm that Mr. Bright is ready to re-enter the Cabinet; but I believe they are mistaken. Even if his friends permitted it, he differs widely from the Minister upon one of the points of gravity. He could not defend the carelessness which has characterized the management of the navy, and has already sacrificed some 400 lives. He would, indeed, be departed from the ideal of former days, had he attempted to sanction the job which made his late Attorney-General a Judge for two days, in order to evade the law which decreed that only Judges should be appointed the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council. Sympathizing with the cold-hearted Mr. Lowe, who, rather than that the London poor should get an hour's ramble in Epping Forest, would sell every tree in it to a wretched speculator, Mr. Bright is better out of the Cabinet than in it.

I look to see votes of censure upon the Administration passed very easily in the Lords; but a good whip may save them in the other House, which is all they care much about.

LOYAL OVERMUCH.

The advisers of the Queen act foolishly in pushing to an extreme the feeling of loyalty to the Prince of Wales. When he was thought to be dying, the community pitied him, and many things were said and done which now look very absurd. The Government should let well alone. The Prince is getting round, and, if the English rulers are wise, they would be thankful for what took place in London on Sunday, and quietly claim it as a monarchical demonstration. But the Archbishops and Bishops, the Duke of Cambridge, Princess and their toadies generally, think a good deal more is required to be got out of the matter yet, and so we are to have a State procession to St. Paul's Cathedral—solemn Thanksgiving amidst all the parade that Parliament, the Church, and the Army can give. It is a mistake, as events will show.

THE ENGLISH "RING."

Now complaints pour in from day to day. American sharpness combines with English cunning in several of the undertakings. I know not how many mines on your continent are worked by Englishmen. Bonne bouche! It is so generous of you! Only think of the noblemen which leads our American cousins to pass over their own brethren and to come to the rule rather than the exception, and no means are suggested by which it can be stopped.

BALLET-GIRLS.

Sitting in a room in a shaded court in the heart of the City of London, is the gentleman who spins most of these fine webs, that I often mentioned him. Mr. Albert Grant deserves to enjoy in the States a similar fame to that which is possessed in England by Mr. Tweed or Mr. Gould. This week a man called to consult him upon the success of the hero. The sketch leaves out his humble experiences and begins with him when he commenced as "financial agent." In this capacity his first—or, rather, second—was the construction of a "Mercantile Discount Company." Here he took care to have himself placed in the articles of association as Managing Director, at a salary of £2,000 a year and certain commissions, with an additional clause that, in the event of the concern coming to grief, or being discontinued from any cause, the worthy manager should be paid £5,000 for his services, coupled with a large compensation. After a brief career the affair went to wreck; but Mr. Grant (then Gottheimer) exacted his pound of flesh, for which, with the other liabilities incurred under his management, the luckless shareholders were unmercifully followed up. He then returned to Lombard street, and to his dealings with railway contractors who wanted to get paper floated. About this time, an operator projected the English Credit Foncier, of which, notwithstanding the previous failure of the Mercantile Discount, Mr. Grant contrived to obtain the managership. It was then that he deemed it expedient to change his name to Grant, in consequence of having some years before gone through the Bankruptcy Court with a wine-merchant. His remuneration was, to a certain extent, dependent upon the amount of dividend declared from time to time, and, in logical sequence, the dividends were nonexistent, whilst they lasted,—with what result is painfully known to those who, having bought at premium prices on the basis of 30, 35, 40 per cent, have only lately, after a prolonged interval of *nil*, been fortunate enough to taste a modest, though precarious 6 per cent,—not, however, upon their investment, but upon the par price. Here Mr. Grant enjoyed a new and wide field for the exercise of his peculiar powers. Financing for speculations of varied hues—but mostly "large" and mostly foreign—was carried on impetuously. Profits were declared upon a scale grand enough to overwhelm the criticisms of the most critical shareholders, to dazzle outsiders, and make Directorial and Managerial commissions put mere fees and salaries to shame. Amongst the offshoots was the Milan Improvements Company, now winding up in Chancery,—after earning for Mr. Grant the title of nobility with which some of his friends are in the habit of constantly dubbing him. Then there is the Macedonian Company, that monstrous speculation as an eminent Equity Judge has termed it. Of Mr. Grant's proceedings in connection with this project, a simple tale may be told. One salient fact is, that land bought by or for another and himself, whilst Manager of the Credit Foncier, was sold to its creature and offshoot, the Macedonian Company, for some hundreds of thousands. By this transaction (says the *Stock Exchange Review*) he pocketed an incredible sum, of which, when the Company was winding-up in Chancery, the liquidator compelled him to disgorge many thousands, and was pressing him for further restitution out of the immense amount which he had improperly appropriated, when (after nominally divesting himself of a large amount of property) he made an affidavit that he was not worth £500. He swore he was not worth £500, and, almost immediately afterwards, sold an estate (Cowper's Hill) for £70,000, and occupied one of the finest mansions in the region of Tyburnia, in which, by-the-by, Mr. Grant's retirement was winding-up in Chancery, the liquidator compelled him to disgorge many thousands, and was pressing him for further restitution about coequal with the length of the great stagnation era. When enterprise once more awoke, his own awakening prompted him to set on foot the Credit Foncier, which scheme is, at this present writing, having been brought to and kept as a prominent bull favorite in hand, drop to a discount soon after the public have got them. One "Emma" Mine, for which, General Schenck became so impressively responsible, is really a scheme of Mr. Grant's. Till the capital was paid up and of, and the premiums secured, he had the supreme control and management of the concern. In this case, as in others, the shares fell as soon as there was no private object for bolstering them up, and the shareholders have already lost *at least* that large proportion of their capital which they paid in the shape of premiums. No sooner are the "Emma" and its fortunes or misfortunes got rid of with unheard-of gain to himself, than he no sooner has he "whistled them down the wind,"—than he is again (says the *Stock Exchange Review*) immersed in manipulating other speculations,—again busy at his work of floating shares, and securing a golden return for himself.

A NEW LECTURER.

Mr. Edmund Yates proposes, I am told, very shortly to visit the United States, and to deliver some lectures. He inherits the dramatic powers of his father, and tells a story, or personifies a character, with singular humor. Some years ago, he commenced an entertainment in the hall which was used by his friend, Albert Smith, but I imagine that he found the work incompatible with his duties in the Post Office, where he holds a lucrative berth. In this entertainment, Mr. Yates was as amusing, I used to think, as Albert Smith. Mr. Yates was a great favorite with Charles Dickens and the Garrick Club episode, in which Mr. Dickens espoused the cause of his friend as against Mr. Thackeray, will not be forgotten.

SHALL WOMEN PREACH?

The Presbytery of Brooklyn Seriously Discussing the Question—Dr. Cuyler Defending Himself and Miss Smiley.

From the New York Herald, Feb. 4.

The staid Presbyterians of Brooklyn were stirred yesterday as they never had been before by a genuine "sensation." Creeds shaken from hats to boots as by an earthquake. It was in a sense an ecclesiastical earthquake, and it was caused, as usual, by a woman. Every great convulsion, from the creation and fall of man to his restoration and exaltation, has had a woman some way mixed up with it, and in this case Miss Sarah F. Smiley, a godly and good-looking Quakeress, is the innocent cause of the trouble. It will be remembered that a short time ago this pious lady preached a sermon, acknowledged to be of power and ability, and thoroughly Scriptural and logical, to the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. She performed this service, too, by request of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Cuyler, and the session of his Church, consisting of twelve or more elders and officers. The Revs. F. L. Patton and Wm. M. Paxton, McClellan, Presbyters, and Messrs. Chamberlain and Woodhull, Elders, took exception,—not to the doctrines promulgated nor to the time and place of the service, but to the fact that the truth was proclaimed by a woman. "Our craft is in danger," said these gentlemen, and straightway a special session of the Presbytery was called to inquire "what action, if any, was necessary to be taken" in the case. Yesterday was the time appointed, and the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Clinton and Fulton streets, Brooklyn, was the place indicated. The facts had been pretty widely circulated, and at the appointed hour yesterday morning the little chapel attached to the church was thronged with a curious and interested multitude, composed very largely of ladies. Dr. Cuyler took his seat and to witness the final decision of a grave ministerial body upon this grave question. The Rev. Joseph M. Green acted as Moderator, and Rev. Jeremiah C. Somerset as Clerk. The religious services with which the Convention opened having been concluded, the call under which the Presbytery had assembled was read, and Mr. McClellan, one of the complainants, moved that Dr. Cuyler be requested to make his statement or defence.

Rev. Spear most emphatically objected to this mode of procedure. The prosecution should first make out their case, and then the defendant could respond. Mr. McClellan being called upon then recited the facts of the preaching at a certain date by Miss Smiley in the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church. The service was advertised, and Dr. Cuyler had admitted it in the pastor's meeting. This was proof enough; but it was also proved by public notoriety. The signers of the call did not want to show bad feeling, so they had come out openly. He believed that the Lafayette Avenue Church had answered in the affirmative that Presbyterians should affiliate with Friends; also, in the affirmative that licentiates and ordinations should be dispensed with in inviting Quakers to preach. The speaker also contended that the case modified and changed the nasal and cadence of the Church, and the Presbytery should take immediate action upon it. Mr. Patton disclaimed any intention of the movers to put Dr. Cuyler on trial. Dr. Cuyler had simply to deal with facts that are opposed to the Word of God and the mere question came before the house for consideration now, though they might come up hereafter.

The Rev. Dr. Cuyler was then invited to respond to the informal charges made by Hodge brethren. He did so in a very able paper, which he read, traversing the Scriptural prohibition to women preachers, the usage of the Presbyterian Church, whose Confession of Discipline are silent on the subject, and the general principles involved in this special case. He had been 26 years a minister without an indictment, he said, and he hoped to have lived and died without one. Though he was not actually on trial, his action in admitting a woman to preach was. He was not called on to answer about or examine the women to the full functions of the ministry. He was also opposed to women voting and to loose love and easy divorce (slight applause, which was suppressed by the Moderator). Dr. Cuyler continued to recite how the case early in the year was brought into intimate association with the Society of Friends, and how he had attended their meetings in Brooklyn, had met Miss Smiley there and was pleased with her preaching. He considered her "a sound, sweet, convincing preacher." His invitation to Miss Smiley to preach for him was in return for a similar invitation from the Friends to him to preach for them. She took no text, but talked about the vision of Jacob. He recognized her as a minister to her own denomination, and as a child of God and a woman.

He made this recognition conscientiously, and was willing to take it up to the judgment. He wanted to know: Was the act prohibited by the book of Church Government? He contended that it neither permitted nor prohibited woman preaching. 2. Was the act against the Bible? Was it in accordance with the Word of God? Was it mixed assembly of both sexes? The Doctor then went over the details of the few instances recorded in the Bible of women preaching or prophesying, either under the Old or New Testament dispensation. He contended that Paul's prohibition to women talking in church was a very different thing, and that it was next to impossible to draw a line in the Bible about woman's functions in the Church. He defended his action also as being on a par with that of the Methodists and Baptists and others, both in Great Britain and this country, in allowing the lady to preach in their pulpits. If women preaching was a sin against the Holy Ghost, why, he asked, had the Holy Ghost blessed her efforts? He maintained that whether women preaching was advisable or not depended on circumstances. He regarded it as a non-essential matter and not subject to discipline. He admitted that it was not ordinary Presbyterian usage for a woman to take part in public worship. He was not in favor of a change of the usage, but there was no danger of the usage changing. If there was, would be warning enough on his Church, which he referred to as one that for nine years had filled Brooklyn with sound denominational doctrine; as one that had clustered at its altars more converts than any other Presbyterian Church had gathered; as one whose pulpit had preached a loyalty that lasted longer than the flag from its steeple, which the wind had blown to tatters; as one hated by the dramshops of this city, which dramshops would rejoice if one word of censure was passed before this society.

Ex-Mayor Lambert, an elder of Dr. Cuyler's Church, and co-delegate to the Presbytery, defending the action of his pastor and church session, and said he was not in favor of Presbyterianism. He had been an officer in the church before some of the singers to the call had learned their letters, and he was more accustomed to go to the Bible for his views than elsewhere. He wished the Presbytery Godspeed. Miss Smiley for themselves. He cried under her preaching. The church stood by Dr. Cuyler, and did not want to muzzle him in any way.

A discussion took place between Drs. Butler, Spear, Van Dyke and Mr. Patton in regard to the appointment of a Committee to draft a minute about the subject. Dr. Spear thought the matter was too insignicant to be dignified by the appointment of a Committee or the drafting of a minute, but his compeers thought differently, and Rev. Drs. Butler, Duryea, Brown, Wells, Seaver, and Elders Stebbins and Foster, were appointed such Committee, and while they were deliberating the Presbytery took a recess until three p. m.

Upon reassembling the Moderator called for the report of the Committee, which was presented by Rev. Dr. Butler. It is as follows:

In view of the preaching upon the Sabbath, and after public notice, of a woman in the pulpit of one of the churches of the Presbytery, recognizing the kindly spirit and motive which evidently prompted the invitation, as an exceptional act, yet *feels* constrained to express its solemn conviction that the preaching of women in the churches is contrary to the Word of God (1 Cor. xiv., 34, 35; 1 Tim. ii., 11, 12), to the principles of government and usage of the Presbyterian Church. In view of the fact that there has been no formal deliverance of the assembled Church upon this matter; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and report a proper overture to the next General Assembly.

Dr. Butler explained the feelings of the Committee toward Dr. Cuyler and his Church, which compelled them to present such a paper. They did not want to condemn either, and yet they could not dismiss the subject in silence. It was too grave to be so disposed of.

Dr. Spear, sharp as a needle, objected to the paper. It presented two difficulties. It professed to do a thing, but tries to dodge it. It is chargeable with self-contradiction. It stands on the fence. It will not, it will not condemn his act. This comes from propounding on a principle which leaves out the case. The Doctor read the call for the special session, and showed that the Presbytery had no right to pass upon the general principle of women preaching than upon any other question. It was no more germane to this case for which they had assembled than was the planet Jupiter. He read from Chapter 10, last Section, to show the powers of Presbytery under this call, and insisted that they could not travel one inch out of the way from the special case before them. They might do one of three things,—either approve or censure the act complained of, or dismiss the case at once. And this latter action he strongly recommended. They cannot condemn women preaching, for that question is not before them, and to call upon the General Assembly to give a deliverance upon it in every wise of the mark. The paper stultifies itself, and puts the Presbytery in direct hostility to the Presbyterian Church. He therefore opposed it.

Rev. Mr. Patton thought it was a question of great moment, and was worthy of the notice of the Presbytery as it had been of the Word of God. The two questions came before this body were, is it competent to investigate the case? and has it the ability and energy to condemn? In reply to Dr. Cuyler's queries whether there was anything in the constitution of the Presbyterian Church prohibiting women preaching, Mr. Patton said there was nothing in it to prevents him having runs said is his church; from having a Universalist proclaim his doctrines therein; or he might get a precocious little boy into his pulpit or do many other eccentric and sensational things which are not prohibited. But that would not release him from trial and censure. He tried to prove from the Bible and the usages of Presbyterianism that Dr. Cuyler had offended against God and the Church. The Bible insists that woman must keep silence in the Church however much she may want to speak. [Laughter.] The weight of Paul's argument rests not upon the woman's piety or her oratorical ability, but upon the relation of the sexes, which has not been materially changed since the creation. His final appeal should be to the Word of God. Dr. Cuyler's appeal to human consciousness Mr. Patton declared to be incipient rationalism, and as part of the argument that if Christ was not now on earth He would not repeat the miracle of Cana of Galilee, nor would he condemn this act. He (Mr. Patton) insisted that Presbytery ought to give some expression upon this subject.

Elder Freeman, of the Memorial Church, read the Committee's paper substituting the crime of theft for that of preaching, to show the utter absurdity of the wording of the document, of which he also disapproved.

Mr. Van Dyke spoke in regard to the jurisdiction of the Presbytery over the question. Nobody was on trial, and yet they are asked to pass judicially upon a case not properly before them. The session, and not the pastor, of Lafayette Avenue Church, is the party that should be tried; and charges can be made against either, upon two grounds,—crime and heresy,—neither of which are alleged here. He eulogized Dr. Cuyler's able and eloquent defence, but considered some of its arguments very weak. The fact complained of is not an isolated case. It links itself to three things: Sensationalism in the pulpits, which has made Brooklyn churches a reproach throughout the world; to the suffrage and woman's rights movement, which seeks to overturn the social order, and to that broad Church movement which seeks to overthrow all Christian landmarks. Then went into the merits of the case, and contended that this act of preaching was contrary to the Bible and Presbyterian usage, because Miss Smiley was unbaptized, and therefore not a member of a Christian Church; not ordained, and therefore not a minister, and being a woman she is prohibited by that fact. These points he claimed were fully substantiated by numerous citations, Biblical and disciplinary. If Dr. Cuyler could show that Miss Smiley was inspired, as was Isaiah or Jeremiah or Paul, he would say his pulpit should be open to her, but not otherwise.

Dr. Spear jumped up again to defend his previous remarks, and to expose the fallacies of Messrs. Van Dyke and Mr. Patton. As they condemned him and Dr. Cuyler for doing what they believe the Bible allows, he denied their right to quote that Book against him. If the Presbytery censured, they are bound to give their reasons and their authority for so doing. He, therefore, moved to lay the paper on the table for the purpose of taking up a substitute which he offered, as follows:

The Presbytery having considered the particular question specified in the call for this meeting do not deem it expedient to take any action upon the subject at the present time.

Dr. Dryer objected to thus choking off debate, and the motion to lay on the table was lost by a vote of 19 to 18. An amendment was carried, adjourning the session until 10 o'clock today.

A Ghastly Joke.

During the recent small-pox excitement in Indianapolis, an excited individual rushed into a telegraph office, hurriedly wrote a despatch, and handed the same to the able and talented clerk. The message bore the startling intelligence that the sender's wife was down with the small-pox, and closed with the request that his mother-in-law would "come immediately." While making change the telegraph man said:

"My friend, are you not afraid your mother-in-law will take the small-pox?"

"Not necessary to be afraid," was the immediate reply to the query, the dutiful son-in-law remarked:

"Sir, are you a married man?"

"No, sir, I am not."

"Then, sir, take my word for it, it's all right. Just *bring the old woman along!*"

Wooden Nails.

A little matter curiously illustrates the influence of the opening up of the Far East upon the nations of the West. Wooden nails, as everybody knows who has ever knocked a tea-chest to pieces, or carefully examined any piece of Oriental joiner-work, are in common use in China, Japan, and Hindostan; and now, with the increasing intercourse of the United States with those former countries, the wooden nail is actually, to a certain extent, driving the common iron nail out of use. It seems remarkable, now that machinery has been so perfected as to pour out the metal fastening in unlimited profusion, that this should be the case, but manufacturers in the Eastern States are said to be striking up quite a trade in wooden nails with the Far West.

MASONIC RELIEF.

Masonic Relief.

The Board for the Relief of Members of the Fraternity of A. F. & A. Masons continues to hold sessions at 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily, at their New Hall, No. 5 Masonic Temple, corner Randolph and Halsted-sts. All brethren, and the widows and families of deceased brethren who are sufferers by the fire of 9th and 8th of October, will, upon due application, receive substantial aid.

The Masters and Wardens of all our city Lodges are particularly requested to send out and report every such worthy case amongst their respective brethren, so that no delay may arise in furnishing the necessary succor.

DEWITT C. CREGIER, President.
JAMES MORISON, Chamberlain.
HENRY DUVALL, Secretary.
WILLIAM H. EGAN, Treasurer.

Chicago, Feb. 8, 1872.

To Whom it May Concern.

Merchants, Traders, and others about to employ male help are respectfully invited to notify their requirements to the Masonic Board of Relief—now located in their New Hall, No. 5 Masonic Temple, northwest corner Randolph and Halsted

WASHINGTON.

Bill Passed in the Senate to Restore Court Records in the Chicago District.

Passage of the Educational Fund Bill in the House.

Substance of Boutwell's Bill for Aiding the Maritime Interests of the United States.

The Ways and Means Committee Formally Consider the Tariff and Revenue Questions.

Special Despatch to The Chicago Tribune.

THOSE CIGARS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—In regard to the charge that six packages of cigars addressed to the President and Secretaries Fish and Robeson had been smuggled at Key West, the agents of the steamship line publish the following statement:

"The facts are that seven packages did arrive by the Liberty addressed to each of the gentlemen named. The packages were regularly and duly manifested, and, on the arrival of the vessel, entered at the Custom House, examined and appraised by the regularly constituted officers, and the duties paid. None of the packages contained cigars, but, on the contrary, consisted of guava jelly and conserves."

THE CASE OF SENATOR CLAYTON

is still regarded as one that will call for vigorous action on the part of the Senate. A few days since, when the evidence began to look bad for Clayton, a sudden movement was made to keep the testimony secret, and since that, a highly-colored statement in favor of Clayton has been given out to those who would print it, and to-night Clayton's friends are around requesting paragraphs to be telegraphed designed further to break the force of the investigation.

SENATOR GARRETT DAVIS

has been easier to-day, and strong hopes have been entertained for him, though he still continues very weak, indeed.

THE TREATY CORRESPONDENTS.

District Attorney Fisher has addressed a letter to the President, reciting his bringing the case of the recusant correspondents before the Criminal Court, and the quashing of the indictment for want of jurisdiction, and that he is now ready to bring the case before the Police Court upon information, but that it is necessary for some one having knowledge that the offence was committed to appear before him and swear to information. He, therefore, asks instructions from the President, and says he will await the appearance of some one to make the necessary oath.

TARIFF AND REVENUE.

The Ways and Means Committee to-day tried to agree upon the course they would pursue upon the Revenue and Tariff bill, but came to no formal conclusion. The revenue reformers and Democratic members are anxious to open the whole question in the House. There is a strong feeling in the Committee in favor of reporting a short bill relating chiefly to whiskey and tobacco. Those who desire a full decision of the whole subject are not very particular as to the shape in which the Committee report, since a general bill can be moved as a substitute to any revenue bill presented, and one of the members of the Committee has the Schenck bill of the last session, revised and corrected to date, ready to offer in this way to the first bill submitted.

Associated Press Despatch.

BILL TO AID THE MARITIME INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The bill presented by Secretary Boutwell before the House Committee on Commerce, to-day, as his means for aiding the maritime interests of the United States, authorizes the Secretary of the Treasury to offer a bounty of not more than $10 per ton to be paid each year, for a period of five years, for the construction in the United States of iron steamships of not less than 1,000 tons each, the bounties to be paid not exceeding 200,000 tons in the aggregate, nor four thousand tons in any one year; and the said vessels to be employed exclusively in the foreign trade. The Secretary shall give public notice that proposals will be received for the construction of 10,000 tons upon the Atlantic coast, 25,000 tons upon the lakes and Atlantic coast, and 15,000 tons upon the Pacific Coast. The vessels shall be first-class, and be constructed after such models and specifications as shall have been first approved by the Bureau of Construction and Repairs of the Navy Department, and the Government may, at any time, purchase any or all of the said vessels or require them to carry the mails between the United States and any foreign country, and may make regulations thereof or for any such sums as shall be ascertained and determined by five disinterested persons, three of whom shall be appointed by the President of the United States, and two by the owner or owners of any vessel that may be so taken or employed; and the Government may employ, detail, or an officer of the navy, not above the rank of Lieutenant, to serve as the second officer or as officer of inferior rank on board the vessel; and that may be built under authority of the first section of this act, and upon the request of the owner of any such vessel, may appoint a master of the navy to serve as commanding officer if consistent with the public interests.

There shall be provided, and shall, under such regulations as shall be established by the Secretary of the Treasury, upon any first-class sailing vessel of not less than 800 tons burden after she is launched and finished, and to be employed exclusively in the foreign trade, including the trade between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States, in the sum of $6 for each and every ton of registered tonnage of such vessel; there shall also be paid under the like regulations as shall be established by the Secretary of the Treasury, upon every first-class sailing vessel of not less than 300 tons burden hereafter launched and finished and authorized to engage not more than three months in any one calendar year in the coasting trade of the United States, the sum of $6 for each ton of registered tonnage of any such vessel. If the owner of any such vessel shall receive the bounty herein paid shall desire to have such vessel enrolled and licensed for the coasting trade, such authority may be granted by the Secretary of the Treasury upon repayment of the amount originally paid by the Government after deducting a deduction of 25 per cent for each year that such vessel may have been in the service: provided, that at least 50 per cent of the amount originally paid shall be refunded to the Government.

For the period of five years there shall be allowed and paid to the owners of any vessel engaged in the cod or mackerel fishery upon the Atlantic Ocean or its coast, the sum of $5 per ton of registered tonnage of such vessel, provided that no payment shall be made on account of any vessel that has not been employed for at least four months of the calendar year.

Vessels of the United States, employed in the fisheries, may purchase ship stores, supplies and outfits, not including articles for the use or running of such vessels, in bond, and without payment of duties under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Secretary Boutwell supported the bill in a speech of nearly an hour's duration. He was followed by Secretary Robeson, who confirmed the statements of Mr. Boutwell in regard to the great importance of the merchant marine as a means of naval defence, and urged its speedy revival for the purposes of engaging as privateers.

SPIRITS AND TOBACCO.

The Committee on Ways and Means to-day had a close conference on the subject of spirits and tobacco. Although they have not positively agreed upon anything, there is a general feeling that they will agree on a uniform tax of 34 cents on tobacco, and so amend the law as to consolidate the interests of the manufacturers, and especially to remove the present obstructions, so as to fuel State the exportation of spirits, in accordance with the petitions of manufacturers in Illinois, Ohio, and other States.

THE EDUCATIONAL FUND BILL.

The following is a synopsis of the Education bill as it passed the House to-day:

Section 1 provides that the net proceeds of public lands shall be forever set apart for the education purposes; that the act to limit the power of Congress over public lands to interfere with the granting of county lands, nor with acts of the Legislature.

Section 2 provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall certify to the Secretary of the Treasury each year the net cash proceeds of sales of public lands.

Section 3 provides the manner in which the funds shall be invested.

Section 4 provides for the apportionment of the fund to the various States and Territories for the first ten years, and that the basis shall be according to the ratio of illiteracy in the respective population.

Section 5 provides when and under what circumstances the first distribution shall be made.

Section 6 provides that a certain portion of the fund received by the States shall be expended at the discretion of the Legislature for the instruction of teachers for common schools.

Section 7 provides that the conditions under which each State and Territory will be entitled to receive its share at every apportionment after the first year.

Section 8 provides that the Commissioners of Education shall decide what States and Territories are entitled to receive apportionments of the fund, and ascertain the moneys belonging to any State or Territory under this act shall be withheld for the reason that the laws thereof provide for the separate schools for the children and black children, or refuse to organize a system of mixed schools.

Section 9 provides for the distribution of the fund by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of each State, Territory, and District. The manner in apportioning shall be according to the ratio of teachers' wages.

Section 10 provides the manner in which appropriations shall be drawn from the United States Treasury.

Section 11 provides the penalties for any misapplication or embezzlement of funds.

Section 12 provides that Circuit Courts of the United States shall have exclusive jurisdiction of all offences against the provisions of this act.

Section 13 provides that nothing contained in this act shall be construed as to affect in any manner the existing laws and regulations in regard to the adjustment and payment to States upon their admission into the Union the 5 per cent of net proceeds of sales of public lands within their respective limits.

APPOINTMENT.

Thomas K. Cree, of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been appointed Secretary of the Board of Indian Commissioners, vice Vincent Collyer, resigned.

THE ASSISTANT SECRETARIESHIP.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—The Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to-day had under consideration the nomination of Charles Hale, Assistant Secretary of State, but came to no decision.

THE MARITIME BILL.

The Secretary of the Treasury appeared before the House Committee on Commerce this morning and explained the bill reported by Mr. Boutwell. He said that the bill was framed with a view to encourage the construction of iron steamships, and to promote the commercial interests of the country. He said that the bill was framed in accordance with the views of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Postmaster-General, and the Attorney-General. The Secretary of the Treasury said that the bill was framed in accordance with the views of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Postmaster-General, and the Attorney-General. The Secretary of the Treasury said that the bill was framed in accordance with the views of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Postmaster-General, and the Attorney-General.

THE ARMY BILL.

The Committee on Appropriations has the Army bill ready to report. The moment votes ready to receive them, they would report the remaining several appropriation bills many weeks. These are for sundry civil expenses, fortifications, West Point, and fortifications.

UNITED STATES AND MEXICAN CLAIMS.

Up to the 5th inst. the sums awarded to citizens of Mexico by the Joint United States and Mexican Commission amounted to $975,000. The account claimed, in the aggregate, was $11,500,000. The awards to Mexicans amounted to only $94,000. The aggregate claimed was $18,000,000.

THE TARIFF.

Washington (Feb. 5) Despatch to the New York Tribune.

It is as good as settled that the adjournment resolution will sleep in the Ways and Means Committee-Room until a revised Tariff bill has been prepared, reported, and acted upon by the House. It is in terms as stated, that Mr. Dawes hopes for no offspring from his Committee, in the way of a Tariff bill; and that will be worth raising, it is certain that a majority of the Committee are not of this opinion. "You may depend upon it," said one of the members of that Committee to-day, "we shall report a bill making important reductions in the present rates of duties, and report it in the House, if it takes all summer." It is understood that there is a majority of one in the Committee in favor of such a general remodelling, reduction, and abolition of duties as will make what would be virtually a revenue tariff system. The Protectionist minority are not very apprehensive, however, of the final results of the session's work. They do not seriously fear that protection will receive any damaging blows, even though they admit that the House is against them. They know that the protracted hearings which the Committee have been giving to all those interests affected by the tariff must go on so long that the Revenue Reformers will not be able to report their work to the House in time for action before the session is two-thirds gone. Then a longdrawn battle will be certain to ensue; and if the House can be brought to finally vote upon it with a multifarious amendments with which it will be sure to be loaded, it will be so late when it gets to the Senate that an adjournment may be confidently counted upon before any action is taken in that body. The bill would then go over till next winter, and everybody knows that the short session of Congress is much too short to pass any general tariff revision. There are many Protectionists who believe that some such delay is Means Committee agree should be made, particularly in the enlargement of the free list, by adding to it a multitude of small articles, the duty on which is not protective, and the revenue from which does not pay the expense of collection. The Ways and Means Committee, it is urged, would do well to report, in a separate bill, the changes which all agree to be wise, and pass it at once, leaving the matters about which they differ to go by themselves and be quarrelled about in the Committee at their leisure, and fought over, as they will no doubt be, in the House. The modifications which Protectionists and Free-Traders alike agree to be desirable are believed by many to be sufficient upon the fate of a huge general bill, that will occasion the fiercest battle that has been seen upon the tariff question for more than ten years.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.

MEMORIALS.

Mr. CARPENTER presented a memorial from merchants of Wisconsin, complaining of the hardships and injustice arising under the administration of the Revenue laws. He said that the evils complained of were intolerable, were very grievous, and ought to be promptly corrected.

Mr. TRUMBULL presented a similar memorial from the merchants of Chicago. Mr. Tuley concurred in Mr. Carpenter's remarks, but thought that Congress ought to do more than merely correct the evils complained of in statutes.

Mr. FENTON called attention to the fact that these memorials also embraced appointments and the removal of appraisers.

Mr. EDMUNDS reminded the Senate that there was another side of this question of seizures. The Government, in appointing inspectors, must give its officers a right to make seizures.

Mr. HAMLIN took the same view.

Mr. Anthony presented a memorial in reply to a question by Mr. Morrill, of Vermont, as to the manner of obtaining signatures.

Mr. ANTHONY replied that the petitioner told him that he had received so much per day for carrying memorials around getting signatures.

POSTAL BILL.

Mr. SUMNER reported favorably upon the bill establishing a semi-monthly service on the Chinese route with a double subsidy.

THREE PER CENTS.

On motion of Mr. Sherman, the bill was passed authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to receive three millions per month of three percent certificates.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. KELLOGG, from the Committee on Commerce, reported a bill giving the Secretary of War full control over the navigation of the channels and improvements across bars, &c.

Mr. BOREMAN, from the Committee on Territories, reported Mr. Ramsey's bill to establish the Territory of Ouihaway, with the amendment changing the name of the proposed territory to Pembina. It is to consist of that portion of Dakota lying north of the 46th parallel.

DISTRICT BILL.

Mr. SUMNER introduced a bill to prevent the issue of bonds by the District of Columbia.

The bill declares void the District $4,000,000 loan act of 1871; also the act authorizing the issue of $10,000,000 in favor of the Piedmont Air Line.

RECORDS OF UNITED STATES COURTS IN THE CHICAGO DISTRICT.

On motion of Mr. TRUMBULL the bill to restore the records of the United States Courts in the Northern District of Illinois was passed.

It authorizes the notice required by the act of March 2, 1871, relating to records of United States Courts to be given to non-residents by publication in such newspaper as the Judge may designate.

Section 3 directs the District Attorney and Judges of Courts to take such steps as may be necessary to restore the records, etc. It provides that the compensation of Clerks shall not exceed $12,000, nor that of the United States District Attorney $4,000.

CHICAGO RELIEF BILL.

Mr. LOGAN moved to take up the motion to reconsider the vote on the Chicago Relief bill; but Mr. CARPENTER announced that he wished to speak upon it.

Mr. LOGAN did not press his motion.

AMNESTY BILL.

The Amnesty bill was then taken up.

Mr. EDMUNDS (Connecticut) spoke in opposition to Sumner's pending amendment, the supplementary Civil Rights bill. He thought the provision in the original bill repealing so much of the act to common carriers was unnecessary, because any citizen can recover in a civil suit in such cases. The bill's principal object also to confer equitable public schools. He warned the Senate that the people would not submit to Federal interference with State schools. But after all the opposition to the bill was the principle on which it had been justified in the Senate. That principle was that by the adoption of three of the Reconstruction Constitutional amendments our old system of Government has been subverted. Senators might attempt to stop short of this, but the right foot, which the Sergeant-at-Arms quickly pulled off, and, lo and behold, there was many sock upon it. "The wrong foot, by George!" exclaimed the owner of the boot. Shown received disconcerted and the quartette were shortly afterward seen at Swimley's, taking it straight. Jones retains the sock as a memento and to jog his memory on future occasions.

MARRIED.

WHITE—BLODGETT—On the 7th inst. by Rev. Robert Laird Collier, Mr. John St. White and Miss Julia F. Blodgett, both of this city. No cards.

DIED.

HAYWOOD—Jacques Hillis J., Page County, Ill., after a brief illness, Charles Francis Haywood, and Henry and Mary L. Dey, aged 2 years, 9 months, 9 days.

WILLIAMS—At Chicago, Wis., Feb. 4, of consumption, Mrs. Betsey Williams, beloved wife of Ole William, aged 38 years, 9th inst., at 2 o'clock p. m., from 227 North Market. Adeline, wife of Isaac O. Adams, aged 61 years.

Funeral from 48 South Halsted st. at 10 a. m. on Monday next.

Feb. 5, Lodi, Kane County, Ill., on Monday, Feb. 5, John Watson, Esq.

New York papers please copy.

WICKENDEN—At Rockford, Ill., Jan. 29, of inflammation of the brain, Edward's Clemens, aged 18 years. Springfield (Mass.) Republican please copy.

BOARDING AND LODGING.

336 WEST ADAMS-ST.—CAN ACCOMMODATE two gentlemen with nicely furnished rooms and first-class board; private family; terms moderate.

396 WEST RANDOLPH-ST.—BOARD IN PRIvate family, large front room, unfurnished, with gas; carpet and stove, for gentleman and wife; terms moderate.

733 WEST WASHINGTON-ST.—TWO GENtlemen can have back parlor and bedroom of; terms moderate. Inquire on the premises.

SW. COR. WASHINGTON AND LEAVITT-Sts.—A suite of furnished front rooms; bath-room and gas; also single front and first-class board, in a small private family.

BOARD WANTED.

BOARD—I WISH TO ENGAGE BOARD FOR myself, wife and child, to take a private house about the 1st of May, vicinity of Union Park preferred; references exchanged. Address Q 15, Tribune office.

BOARD—A GENTLEMAN WOULD LIKE board in a private family where he can have a room to himself, within 15 or 20 minutes' walk of Cassalé. Address Y 26, Tribune office.

BOARD—AND ROOM FOR GENTLEMAN AND wife; state terms. Address N 66, Tribune office.

BOARD—FIRST-CLASS, AND FURNISHED room for gentleman and wife, east of State and north of Twenty-second-sts. Address BETRAND, Branch office, 69 Wabash-av.

BOARD—IMMEDIATELY, FOR GENTLEMAN and lady, convenient to Walnut-st. and Twelfth-st.; terms moderate. Address G W 9, and Wabash-av.

BOARD—BY A YOUNG GENTLEMAN IN A kind of quiet family. Within 5 minutes' walk from corner Twenty-second-st. and Wabash-av.; early breakfast and dinner put up a requisite. Address R 27, Tribune office.

BOARD—AND LODGING, BY A YOUNG MAN, on the South Side; terms must not exceed $5 per week; private family preferred. Address Y 14 & J 83, Tribune office.

BOARD—A YOUNG MAN WITH UNEXCEPtionable references desires board in a private family where there are few or no other boarders. West Side preferred. Address C 18, Tribune office.

BOARD—BY A YOUNG GENTLEMAN ON the North Side, in a private family where Morris and Van Buren, early breakfast and dinner put up a requisite. Address C 76, Tribune office.

BOARD—BY TWO LADIES IN A RESPECTAble family on the North Side, M. RUSSELL & A. Station, Division and Sedgwick-sts.

TO LEASE.

TO LEASE—FOR A TERM OF YEARS AT A reasonable rate, that large, first-class, three-story and basement brick building Hartford Ins. Co.'s new building. MEAD & CODE, 79 West Madison-st.

TO LEASE—LOTS ON BUTTERFIELD, AND Arnold-sts., and Wentworth-av., between Twenty-fifth and Twenty-sixth-sts., for a term of years; at a low rent. MEAD & CODE, 79 West Madison-st.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS.

FOR SALE—A SPLENDID PIANO, COST $900, will sell for half price. Apply at 57 Archer-av., up-stairs.

FOR SALE—A GOOD TONED, SMALL-SIZED piano, for sale cheap, complete order for $130; also lounge and bread to rent for 50 cents per month. 351 Park av.

CITY REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—IMPROVED REAL ESTATE—

WEST RANDOLPH-ST.—Two blocks east of Union Park, two 2-story and basement houses, Mansard roofs, just finished; all modern improvements; lot 24x100 feet; terms easy.

ARCHER-AV.—Six lots on same, two 2-story and basement brick stores.

ARCHER-AV.—Six lots on same, with 2-story frame house.

BLUE ISLAND-AV.—Six lots, with two 2-story frame houses; also 4 choice other property would be taken in exchange.

CLINTON-ST.—Corner Wilcox, six lots, with 2-story brick house, stable, carriage, sheds, etc. Only real estate taken partly in exchange.

CARROLL-ST.—Six lots, with 2-story frame dwelling of seven rooms, pantries, etc.

HUMBOLDT-AV.—Corner of Chicago-av., 147x125, with good 2-story house of 10 rooms, $6,000, on five years' time.

WEST LAKE-ST.—Near Clinton-st., two 2-story and basement brick houses.

WEST LAKE-ST.—Lots, with cottage, $2,500.

SOUTH PARK-AV.—Six lots, with cottage of 6 rooms, $2,600.

THIRD-AV.—Near Harrison-st., 2-story dwelling, $4,000.

WARREN-AV.—Between Lincoln and Robey-sts., 2-story frame dwelling of 10 rooms, $6,500.

A. LOEB & BROTHER, 54 West Lake-st.

FOR SALE—ACRE PROPERTY IN HYDE Park.

Five lots near Ellis Park.

Lots on Adams-st. and Fifth-av.

Lots in Hyde Park.

Lots on Wabash and Dashiel-sts., near Wabash-av.

House and lot on Prairie-av.

Brick house in Cottage Grove.

Houses in Hyde Park.

Marble yard on Washington-st.

Houses on Warren-av.

Houses on West Monroe-st.

We have several inquiries for improved property ranging in value from $8,000 to $10,000; also for a marble front on the South Side, one not far from Lake. Call soon.

CHACE & ABELL, 230 Wabash-av.

FOR SALE—BY W. J. ONAHAN, REAL ESTATE Agent, 58 Central Union Block.

LINCOLN-AV.—100 ft., south front, between Wisconsin and Centre sts.

OHIO-ST.—54 ft., south front, east of Franklin-st., $1,100.

RUSH-ST.—82x100, southeast corner Ontario-st.

WELLS-ST.—34 ft., west front, north of Pearson-st.

PARK AV.—120x124, southwest corner Robey-st.

GRAND-AV.—87 feet, west front, east of Sedgwick, and basement brick house (new), all modern improvements; will be sold at a bargain.

FOR SALE—BY C. G. THAYER & CO., No. 180 Michigan av., corner of Jackson-st.

Michigan-av., north of Thirty-second-st., 22x165 feet, $70 per foot.

Prairie-av., north of Douglas place, 50x125 feet, $75 per foot.

South Park-av., north of Thirty-third-st., 50x125 feet, $130 per foot.

FOR SALE—LOTS ONLY $ 64 EACH—ON SIXteenth-st. cor. Western-av, outside the new fire limits. This is a rare opportunity for men with small means to secure a home in a convenient locality, as they are near the crossing of C. R. & Q. & C. & I. C. R. R., where all trains stop, and only 7 miles from the Court House; special terms to parties who will build. These are the cheapest lots now offered in the market, and a good investment. MEAD & COE, 79 West Madison-st.

FOR SALE—A VALUABLE LEASE, RUNNING 5 long years from May next, of the right front, on Madison-st., near Wells, with frame building now on it. P. A. BRAGG & CO., 46 East Harrison-st.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—LOTS ON 12TH AVE., in Burr Oak Addition, and Halsted-sts., west of Lincoln Park, at $500 and $600 each—cash, balance in 1, 2 and 3 years, at 7 per cent.

Lots on Archer-av., near Reuben-st., at $700 and $800 each, on long time.

Lots on Lincoln-st., near Thirty-first, cheap, and on time. WM. D. KERFOOT & CO., 89 East Washington-st.

FOR SALE—GOOD AND CHEAP LOTS ON Sedgwick, Butterfield and Lincoln-sts., and Wrightwood-av., between Lincoln Park and Halsted-st. Also, a few choice lots on Lincoln-st., between Wrightwood-av. and Belden-av., at $600 each. Also, a few choice lots on Halsted-st., between Wrightwood-av. and Belden-av., at $700 each. Also, a few choice lots on Belden-av., between Halsted-st. and Lincoln Park, at $800 each. Also, a few choice lots on Wrightwood-av., between Halsted-st. and Lincoln Park, at $800 each. Also, a few choice lots on Eighteenth-st., between Halsted-st. and Lincoln Park, at $800 each. Also, a few choice lots on Nineteenth-st., between Halsted-st. and Lincoln Park, at $800 each. Also, a few choice lots on Twentieth-st., between Halsted-st. and Lincoln Park, at $800 each. Also, a few choice lots on Twenty-first-st., between Halsted-st. and Lincoln Park, at $800 each. Also, a few choice lots on Twenty-second-st., between Halsted-st. and Lincoln Park, at $800 each. 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